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▶ TTC Chair Karen Stintz, left, poses with Kathy Dillion, who was selected as the TTC's 28 billionth rider since it was formed in 1921.

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28 billionth rider wins many more trips

TTC Chair Karen Stintz and 28 billionth rider Kathy Dillion posed for photos and talked with media yesterday at Davisville TTC station. Dillion, who has used the TTC services since she was a little girl, received a free one-year TTC metropass as a prize for being selected.

'I didn't want to die like this'

Constable's testimony: Burn victim said man he knew doused him with gas, lit flame

A man dying of burns to 80 per cent of his body told a police officer that an acquaintance poured gas over him and lit him on fire without explanation, a court has heard.

"I didn't want to die like this," Robert George Brown told the constable as an ambulance rushed them to Sunnybrook hospital.

Const. Carlos Pareja testified yesterday that the 44-year-old victim said he was sitting in the backyard of his west Toronto townhouse having drinks with Michael Hall.

"I was a little depressed.... My wife is dying of cancer," Brown told the officer.

"Buddy said, 'Do you want to die?'" the burn victim continued.

Pareja also asked Brown if he and Hall had been fighting.

"No, not at all," was Brown's reply. He was screaming in pain between answers, Pareja told prosecutor Michael Townsend.

"I went to have a shower. He poured gasoline on me. He lit me up with his lighter."
CONST. CARLOS PAREJA, RECOUNTING THE WORDS OF A DYING BURN VICTIM, IN COURT

Hall, 35, has pleaded not guilty in Ontario Superior Court to second-degree murder in the May 20, 2009, burning death on Jasper Avenue, near Weston Road and Black Creek Drive.

Pareja recalled that when he arrived at the house Brown was sitting on the front steps, staring, as if in shock.

"I couldn't even tell what race he was. His skin was multi-coloured ... greenish, yellowish and greyish," Pareja said.

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Car salesmen banned from showroom for a year

Two veteran auto salesmen who sold a used car to a woman for about $25,000 more than its real value will be able to sell vehicles again next year.

An Ontario government tribunal has suspended salesmen Ken Trung and Mohammed (Moe) Shaikh of now defunct Orangeville Mazda for one more year and ordered them to take a college certification course after ruling they made an "unconscionable profit" on the sale in late 2009.

The province's regulator for auto dealers had frozen their licences in May last year after an investigation found they sold a 2010 Mazda6, which was already used, for $66,000, including taxes and a trade-in car, to a woman when she should have paid less than $41,000.

The two salesmen sought renewal of their registrations to sell cars at the provincial Licence Appeal Tribunal but the regulator, the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council, objected.

In his recent decision, tribunal chairman Harinder Gahir ruled the two men are not chronic offenders of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act and therefore should still be eligible to hold registrations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ A man identified as Mohammed Shaikh, the former general manager of the Orangeville Mazda dealership.

Billionaire spreads the wealth

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong entrepreneur and philanthropist, acknowledges the applause and greetings of more than 200 researchers, educators and clinicians at the new Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital yesterday in Toronto. He is flanked by Premier Dalton McGuinty and St. Michael's president and CEO Dr. Robert J. Howard.

Hong Kong philanthropist attends opening of T.O. hospital institute
Li Ka-shing gave $25M to St. Mike's

Blocks away from St. James Park, where the "99 per cent" continued their protest, a billionaire in the top 0.000000002 per cent dined on white linen.

Hong Kong entrepreneur and philanthropist Li Ka-shing, the world's 11th richest person, was occupying Toronto to celebrate the opening of an institute named in his honour at St. Michael's Hospital.

Much like his American counterpart Warren Buffett, Li, 83, has pledged to give away one-third of his wealth through his foundation — a sharing of wealth even the protestors might deem beneficial.

He was all smiles yesterday as he waved at the crowd of 200 researchers, clinicians and students who gathered to thank him for his $25-million donation to the building that brings medical research, education and clinical practice under one roof.

"I have been a friend of Canada for over 40 years now — I am certain it is a friendship that will continue long into the future." LI KA-SHING

At 22, Li started his own plastics company, Cheung Kong Holdings, which has since become the largest exporter of plastics in Hong Kong. He acquired Hutchinson Whampoa Ltd. in the 1970s and delved into real estate.

His empire now stretches across 52 countries and includes operations in ports, telecom, retail, energy, hotels and technology.

Forbes has pegged his wealth at an estimated $26 billion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sign up for both the Online Program and the November event. Registration closes Nov 5.

Publishing dying police officer's call OK: Press Council

Reporting the distress call of a dying police officer as he lay pinned under a minivan did not breach journalistic ethics, the Ontario Press Council has decided.

In explaining why it would not hold a public hearing, the council told York Region Police Chief Eric Jolliffe that it had considered the impact of the reports by the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail on the family and colleagues of Const. Garrett Styles.

"It is the view of the council that neither the Star nor the Globe overstepped the boundaries of journalistic ethics," the council's executive director, Don McCurdy, said in a letter to Jolliffe.

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Taking advantage of parking permits

Accessibility pass for disabled costing cash-strapped city thousands a day in lost revenue

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▶ A number of vehicles that have handicapped parking stickers have been tracked over the past few weeks. A number were seen in the same area most days, all day.

Day after day, eight hours a day, a black Mercedes B200 sits on downtown's Dalhousie Street, just south of Shuter Street, next to a half-empty parking lot.

Sometimes it's in the metered area, where it costs $2.50 an hour.

But there's no meter slip on the dash.

Sometimes, it's in the no-parking zone.

But it never gets a ticket.

That's because this Mercedes has a blue-chip free parking pass, the province-issued blue-and-white accessibility permit, which denotes that the holder has a "measurable and observable" medical condition which "severely limits his or her mobility."

Toronto is just about the only major Canadian metropolis where Ontario's 557,000 accessible parking permit (APP) owners have unlimited free parking almost anywhere on city streets at any time (limitations include no stopping zones and fire hydrants).

The Toronto Star photographed many drivers parking, putting an APP on their dash and then walking away, passing multiple metered spaces and parking lots. One man, carrying an apparently heavy briefcase, hurried four blocks along Shuter Street, went through the Eaton Centre and disappeared near City Hall.

Alan Cairns, spokesperson for the Ministry of Government Services, says Ontario has the highest fines in Canada for misuse of accessible parking permits — penalties range from $300 to $5,000. "The ministry will also cancel or refuse to issue a replacement permit for those who abuse the program."

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▶ Jamil and Alia Juma are the brother and sister behind the JUMA label.

Siblings' designer bond

JUMA's contemporary line features urban, modern designs
Distinct for their inventive custom prints in kaleidoscopic patterns

From childhood doodles to crafting custom clothing, design has been threaded throughout much of Alia Juma's life.

She pondered whether a long-term future in fashion was possible, and also ruminated about becoming a lawyer or doctor. But the world of style won out.

"Fashion was always at the forefront," said Alia, who attended George Brown College in Toronto in addition to working as an assistant designer at various design houses.

Her older brother, Jamil, seemed bound for a different destination.

He completed a degree in biosystems engineering at Montreal's McGill University but realized it wasn't his calling. After working in finance, Jamil teamed with his sister on her own label to help on the business side, eventually branching out by getting involved with design.

The duo created JUMA in 2003. Alia, 31, said the label has evolved within the past two years. They've added a digital element to the garments with prints inspired by their own photographs, drawings and travel. The spring 2012 line showcases floral print inspired by the Turkish Gardens, with the silhouette of garments combining American and Japanese sportswear.

"I don't think there's a challenge with us working together," said Jamil, 33. "I think the challenge is always coming up with something creative and evolving the collection."

Though they have an office in Toronto, they reside in separate cities, with Jamil based in New York and Alia in Asia, usually in China. Their collaborations are conducted online, where they exchange ideas and images.

"I can't believe there are so many designers that are doing this on their own. I need my brother to do this," Alia said.

Jamil believes his relationship with his sister has strengthened through working together, particularly after extended periods apart while attending separate high schools and post-secondary institutions.

"There was a whole period where we were only seeing each other in the summertime and Christmastime," Jamil said. "When we started working together we started hanging out more together and it's brought us closer together." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶A creation from the Juma fashion show.

'Call for action' on youth mental health

Mental health among youth is a huge issue and in light of recent high-profile student suicides "there's a call for action now," say experts who have launched a new curriculum and public-awareness campaign.

With all the media attention surrounding the weekend suicide of an Ottawa teen, as well as the recent suicide of Pickering's Mitchell Wilson — both were bullied at school — "parents are thinking about it, teachers are thinking about it," said Sheila Neuburger of the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (formerly Whitby's mental health centre).

Ontario Shores is covering the cost of training teachers in Durham Region and the surrounding area in the new curriculum to increase awareness about mental illness. It is also starting a poster and video campaign to let teens know help is out there. Neuburger said she hopes to expand the teacher training across Ontario.

After car accidents, suicide is the leading cause of death in teens, and an estimated two-thirds of teens with mental-health issues — such as anxiety and depression — aren't getting the help they need.

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▶ Mitchell Wilson, who had muscular dystrophy, committed suicide on Sept. 6 at the age of 11.

Curriculum

- The curriculum was developed by a team led by Dr. Stan Kutcher of Dalhousie University and targets students in Grades 9 and 10.
- It is also meant to boost teachers' knowledge and awareness.
- With major mental disorders, the first onset is usually between 13 and 25, Kutcher said.

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▶ The world's lowest cost small car, the Nano, is in Toronto. More than 150 Indian firms opened an exhibition at the CNE grounds on Monday,

Deal aims to triple trade with India

◗ Pact expected to be signed in 2013 ◗ India Show fair highlights importance of small, medium size companies

Canada's trade with India is growing in real terms but sliding in market share, says India's commerce secretary. "While trade between the two countries has grown between 15 and 20 per cent a year, India's trade with the rest of the world is growing at 40 to 50 per cent," Rahul Khullar told delegates to a week-long engineering show at the Direct Energy Centre on Monday.

"That's what our prime ministers are concerned about — the share has to be preserved," he said.

Two developments would help, Khullar said.

One is the signing of a free trade deal, formally called a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, initiated one year ago. Its aim is to triple bilateral trade.

The other development would be greater engagement by small and medium enterprises — the main theme of the trade fair, the India Show, at the exhibition grounds.

"How we get from $5 billion to $15 billion (in bilateral trade) is going to be achieved through big deals from large companies, but most important through companies at the small and medium level," said Canada-India Business Council director Rana Sarkar.

Most of the show's 154 Indian exhibitors are small- and medium-size engineering firms, all signaling an eagerness to do business with Canada, said Toronto entrepreneur and emcee Hari Venkatacharya.

The hope is that Canadian firms reciprocate by exhibiting at the India Engineering Sourcing Show scheduled for Mumbai in March, he said. So far 50 Canadian firms are committed. "We would like to see 100," he said.

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▶ U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shakes hands with Libyan soldiers upon her departure from Tripoli in Libya yesterday.

Clinton offers new U.S. aid to ex-rebels

- Libyan aid boosted to about $135 million US in total
- New help includes medical, weaponry assistance

The Obama administration offered millions of dollars in new aid to Libya as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton encouraged the country's unsteady new leadership to commit to a democratic future free of retribution.

Clinton acknowledged yesterday in unusually blunt terms that the U.S. would like to see former dictator Moammar Gadhafi dead. "We hope he can be captured or killed soon so that you don't have to fear him any longer," Clinton said during a town hall-style gathering.

"The most important thing now is to make sure that Gadhafi and his regime are finally prevented from disrupting the new Libya."
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She met with the leader of Libya's Transitional National Council, Mahmoud Jibril, and offered about $11 million US in additional aid.

Clinton referred to the importance of including all factions in a democratic government. She noted that the fighting isn't over but said NATO would continue to protect civilians as long as the threat continues.

"We are encouraged by the commitment of the Transitional National Council of taking the steps necessary to bring the country together," she said, adding, "all members of all militias must see the benefit of joining the new government."
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▶ A revolutionary fighter fires a rocket-propelled grenade at Gadhafi loyalists in downtown Sirte, Libya, yesterday. About 1,000 Libyan revolutionary troops have launched a major assault on Moammar Gadhafi's hometown.

NATO in until Libya on track

NATO said yesterday it is considering ending its bombing campaign in Libya but the decision must consider the threat pro-Moammar Gadhafi fighters still pose to civilians.

Some speculate the end of the operation will be announced today. But a diplomat said France and Britain have insisted that the campaign continue until Libya's new authorities are able to assume responsibility for security nationwide.

NATO warplanes have flown more than 9,500 strike sorties since March. With armed opposition now limited to a few towns, the alliance has scaled back the airstrikes, conducting an average of 15 a day.

NATO spokesman Carmen Romero said the North Atlantic Council will conduct a "careful and comprehensive" political and military analysis of the security situation before a decision is made.

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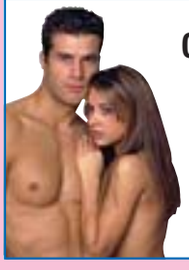

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Harper giving Ontario more seats

13 additions reflect population growth Changes will be made in time for the 2015 federal election

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will award Ontario an additional 13 seats in the House of Commons — half of the 26 new constituencies being proposed, the Toronto Star has learned.

Under the revised plan, which Harper discussed with Premier Dalton McGuinty last Friday, Ontario would be boosted to 119 seats from 106.

In other changes, Alberta would gain six seats and jump to 34, British Columbia an additional five for a boost to 41, and — significantly — Quebec another two to increase to 77.

While Ontario's tally is lower than the 18 seats the province had been expecting, sources say McGuinty is pleased that "representation by population" is finally being recognized.

The change would increase the Commons to 334 seats from 308 today. Quebec was left out of previous drafts of bills to reshuffle the seats in the House of Commons, but it now seems there's virtual unanimity for the province to get extra seats in the next round.

Electoral map

Current number of ridings by province and territory:

Ontario — 106
Quebec — 75
B.C. — 36
Alberta — 28
Manitoba — 14
Saskatchewan — 14
Nova Scotia — 11
New Brunswick — 10
Newfoundland — 7
P.E.I. — 4
Yukon — 1
N.W.T. — 1
Nunavut — 1

The New Democrats unveiled a bill yesterday to permanently guarantee Quebec a share of the Commons equal to about 24 per cent of the population, based on the demographic reality when all parties in the Commons recognized the province as a "nation" within Canada in 2006.

"This is about nation-building," said David Christopherson, the NDP's democratic reform critic. "We all acknowledge that the Québécois form a nation within a united Canada, and let's give real meaning to that when we're increasing the seats."

Liberal Leader Bob Rae also seems sympathetic.

"It's never easy, but the fact is that we do have to recognize Quebec's legitimate concerns about its representation in Parliament at the same time as we recognize the concerns about the more populous provinces, that their needs must be met in terms of additional population," Rae told reporters.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper rises during Question Period in the House of Commons yesterday.

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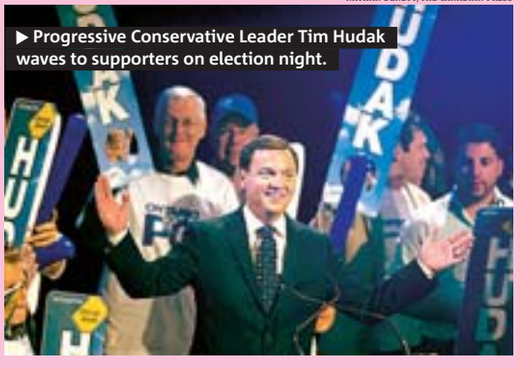

▶ Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak waves to supporters on election night.

Election tweets just noise: Report

Turns out most of the traffic on Twitter during the Ontario election didn't amount to much more than litter, according to a new report.

Political parties failed to use the hot social media tool to engage voters or influence people, according to a new study. Navigator analyzed 303,564 tweets made from Sept. 1 to election day, Oct. 6.

The provincial election was the first time all three major party leaders used Twitter in an attempt to reach the electorate.

But Ontario voters were not buying what the leaders were selling in the Twitter universe, said Will Stewart, a principal at Navigator, a government relations and public affairs firm.

"Nobody who is undecided seems to be on Twitter. It doesn't change anyone's minds," he said.

Naviagator's findings are dead on, agreed Jason Lietaer, campaign director of communications for Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

"(Twitter) is mostly a tool to communicate with decided voters and media and that's how our campaign treated the tool," he said.

"We used Facebook, YouTube and other social media applications to reach and persuade undecided voters and were happy with the results."

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U.S. FEELS IMPACT OF SWAP

United States welcomes release of Israeli soldier but voices concerns over Palestinians freed in return

The United States awkwardly welcomed yesterday's release of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit after five years of captivity by Hamas, voicing concerns over some of the Palestinians freed in return and declining to say whether the prisoner swap between Israel and the Islamic militant group could help moribund Mideast peace talks in any way.

On a trip to Libya, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. was pleased that Schalit's ordeal was over, saying "he was held for far too long in captivity." But Clinton and other U.S. officials avoided specifically addressing Hamas' part in the agreement or the merit of Israel's decision to free more than 1,000 Palestinians to secure Schalit's release.

"I don't think it's for us to necessarily say whether it's a good or bad agreement," State Department spokesperson Mark Toner told reporters. Asked about the deal with Hamas and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Toner conceded that "if you're parsing what this means for the peace process, it's difficult for us to say."

Thousands of people jammed the streets in Schalit's hometown in northern Israel to celebrate his homecoming, after he had been reunited with his parents and met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. An equally boisterous reception awaited the first group of Palestinians transferred under the deal from Israeli prisons to the West Bank and Gaza, where massive celebratory rallies festooned with green Hamas flags were held.

But U.S. reaction was muted for a number of reasons. The deal reflected a complicated agreement after negotiations between the Jewish state and Hamas, which the United States considers a terrorist organization and has tried to isolate internationally.

At a time when the U.S.-backed peace process is foundering, the massively disproportional exchange Hamas leaders were able to press on Israel is likely to strengthen their movement at the expense of President Mahmoud Abbas' American-backed government in the West Bank.

That is problematic for the United States because of Hamas' long opposition to a peaceful, two-state settlement with Israel. The prisoner swap occurred only a day after the U.S. and other Mideast mediators acknowledged they would not be able to revive direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians by the end of this weekend, the latest in a string of setbacks that has seen no direct talks between the parties in more than a year.

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Isolating Hamas

- U.S. State Department spokesperson Mark Toner urged both sides to build a "constructive atmosphere" for peace negotiations, but said he was referring only to Israel and Abbas' government, not Hamas.
- While Israel may win some credit with the Obama administration for its willingness to compromise, Toner said Hamas' part in the deal wouldn't lead the U.S. to reassess its blanket ban on contacts with the Iran-backed militant organization.
- "We have the three red lines about Hamas," Toner said, "that they renounce violence, that they accept existing agreements and that they recognize Israel's right to exist. And if they could meet those requirements, then we certainly would welcome them as part of the political process."
- He said that while the prisoner exchange was an independent Israeli decision, the U.S. communicated its concerns about a number of the Palestinian prisoners who were released despite records for violent attacks on U.S. citizens.
- "As a matter of principle, the U.S. opposes the release of individuals who have been convicted of crimes against Americans," Toner said.

▶ Newly-released Israeli solder Gilad Schalit arrives by helicopter at his family home in the northern village of Mitzpe Hila yesterday to a raucous welcome by thousands of cheering Israelis following a landmark deal with Hamas that freed Gilad after five years of captivity.

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Israelis 'shocked' at Egyptian TV interview with released soldier

Israeli officials harshly criticized an Egyptian television interview with soldier Gilad Schalit minutes after Hamas militants freed him in a prisoner swap yesterday, saying the questioning was inappropriate and insensitive.

A gaunt, pale and uncomfortable looking Schalit appeared to struggle to speak at points during the appearance on Egyptian state TV, and his breathing was noticeably laboured as he awkwardly answered questions. The footage, along with earlier video showing Schalit being transferred to Egypt, were the first images seen of the soldier after more than five years in Hamas captivity.

Hamas militants were in the area as the interview was being set up. One of them stood behind Schalit's chair, wearing a black face mask, a green headband of the Qassam brigades — Hamas' military wing — and filming with a video camera in his hand.

"You have known what it is like to be in captivity," interviewer Shahira Amin said to Schalit. "There are more than 4,000 Palestinians in Israeli jails. Will you help campaign for their release?" she asked in English.

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▶ Gilad Schalit walks into his home in northern Israel yesterday.

Schalit took a long pause before answering, then said he would be happy if all those prisoners were freed so that they can go back to their families and loved ones.

"What has the experience brought you? Has it made you stronger?" she asked at another point.

And, brushing aside the fact Hamas had barred anyone from visiting Schalit, she asked why he only gave one interview while held captive. Schalit gasped for air, the handler suggested halting the interview because Schalit wasn't feeling well, and he didn't answer the question.

Amin insisted Schalit had not been coerced to give the interview.

An Israeli official questioned the ethics of the journalists involved.

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Tamils go hungry for men on death row

India denies clemency petitions

Across most of India the three men on death row for the 1991 assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi are reviled as murderous traitors to the nation. But many Tamils, a major ethnic group in southern India, see things very differently.

A recent decision to deny clemency for the three has sparked angry protests and pitted Tamil Nadu state leaders against the central government, testing loyalties in India's multiethnic federation of 1.2 billion people speaking more than 60 languages.

"These three people, everybody knows they are innocent," said Veerappan, 37, who goes by one name. His Tamil Liberty Group for the Blind joined a rolling hunger strike in Chennai to save the men on death row.

The Vellore Three, as the men are known, were among 26 convicted of playing minor roles in the assassination, though they deny knowing about the plot.

They are the only ones left on death row after 23 others were released or had their sentences commuted to life. The masterminds are all dead.

Hangings are rare in India, with only two in the last 15 years. But President Pratibha Patil broke an unofficial moratorium denying a series of requests this year, including one filed by the Vellore Three more than a decade ago.

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Root of issue

- The issue revolves around relations with the recently defeated Tamil Tiger rebels in neighbouring Sri Lanka.
- Indian Tamils initially supported the group, but the relationship soured after Gandhi sent peacekeepers to Sri Lanka who battled with the rebels. The Tamil Tigers branded Gandhi an enemy, ordering his assassination.
- In 1991, a female suicide assassin killed Gandhi and 17 others during a campaign in India's Tamil Nadu state.
- Support for the Tamil virtually ended, but the rebels' 2009 routing by Sri Lanka after the civil war revived Indian Tamil sympathy.

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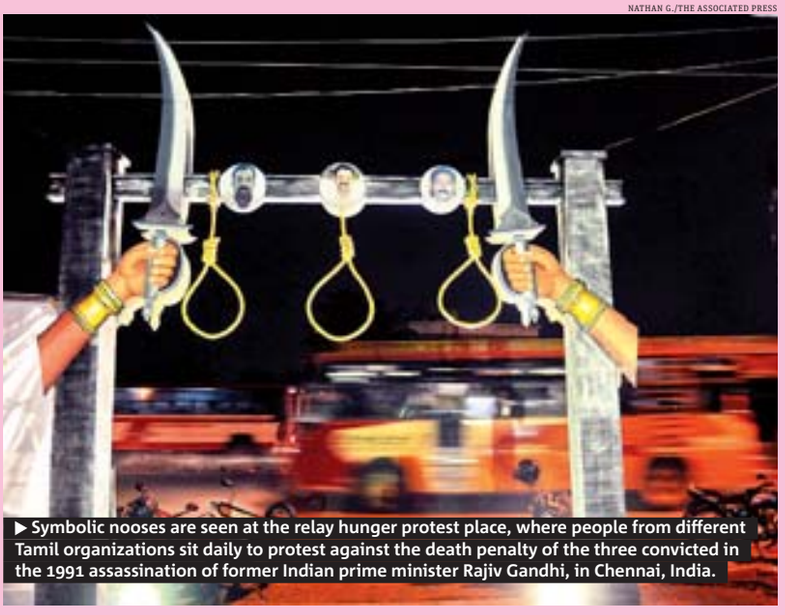

▶ Symbolic nooses are seen at the relay hunger protest place, where people from different Tamil organizations sit daily to protest against the death penalty of the three convicted in the 1991 assassination of former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, in Chennai, India.

Trash cleared as Greece braces for general strike

Greece used emergency powers to order garbage crews back to work yesterday to remove 17 days worth of rotting trash from Athens' streets, as a campaign of strikes escalated against austerity measures to be voted on this week.

Socialist Prime Minister George Papandreou issued the civil mobilization orders, generally used for national emergencies and rarely required to solve labour disputes, as the country braced for the protests to culminate in a general strike today and tomorrow.

The general strike is expected to ground all flights and halt most public services, and unions plan to disrupt a vote in parliament tomorrow to pass the toughest austerity measures since Greece's financial crisis began two years ago.

The highly unpopular new measures include tax hikes, further pension and salary cuts, the suspension on reduced pay of 30,000 public servants out of a total of more than 750,000, and the suspension of collective labour contracts.

The crisis has taken a heavy toll on jobs. Unemployment in July rose to 16.5 per cent, from 16 per cent in June and 12 per cent a year earlier, according to the national statistical authority. The total number of unemployed exceeded 820,000.

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▶ A woman passes by a pile of rotting garbage in Athens yesterday.

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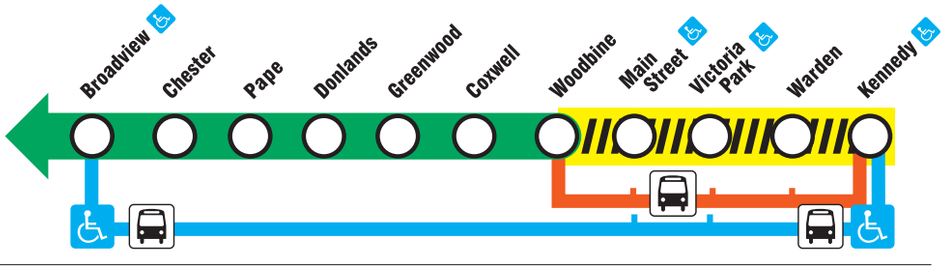

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▶ People turning to their mobile phones to tell others where they are has been a boon for burglars, because if you're somewhere, that also means you're not at home.

Next time you download a mobile app, be warned: It could wreck your marriage, as one episode in New York City suggests.

A man claims he discovered his wife was two-timing him after turning on his new iPhone 4S and his Find My Friends app pinpointed her exact location.

Whether this "spying via app" story is a hoax or not, it raises the question of what the possibilities are in "smartphone espionage."

"The story raises big privacy issues: People either forget their apps are turned on, or they are just careless about using them. You might have just broken up and it'll be easy for your ex to start stalking you," Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at the London-based security company Sophos, told Metro.

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Chinese girl's rescuer steps into limelight

Doctors say toddler is in critical condition, but improving after being struck by two vehicles and left to die ◗ Incident sparks outrage in China

The rescuer of a two-year-old Chinese girl struck by two vehicles and left to die by several passersby has stepped forward.

Chen Xianmei, a 57-year-old trash collector and part-time cook from the southern Chinese city of Qingyuan, removed the toddler, Yueyue, after at least a dozen passersby ignored her body in the middle of a Foshan wholesale market.

"I don't have enough words to thank her with," said the little girl's mother, Qu, according to the China Daily.

Captured on grisly surveillance camera footage, the incident sparked outrage and disbelief in Chinese media and social media sites.

"Somebody has to help. The most important thing is to save a life. She was just a little child. It was dark, but I could definitely see her."
CHEN XIANMEI, WOMAN WHO RESCUED TODDLER

"This society is lacking people with a conscience badly," wrote one commenter on the Chinese microblogging site, Weibo.

When Chen found Yueyue, the girl was bleeding from her mouth, nose and head. One of her eyes was shut.

"When I see old people who fall down, I help them," she told the Yangcheng Evening News. "Somebody has to help. The most important thing is to save a life. She was just a little child. It was dark, but I could definitely see her."

Foshan's Nanhai district civilization office awarded Chen 10,000 yuan ($1,600) yesterday for her heroic act.

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Indifference

- Some Chinese sources have blamed the general indifference toward Yueyue as a sign of a deteriorating moral society. In other accidents, Good Samaritans have offered help, only to be held responsible for the victim's injuries.
- Still, the toddler's mother told the China Daily she will not judge those who didn't help Yueyue. "I bear no grudge and refuse to be disappointed by society," she said.

YOUTUBE SCREEN SHOT

▶ Chen Xianmei, right, a 57-year-old trash collector and part-time cook from the southern Chinese city of Qingyuan, removed the toddler, Yueyue, after at least a dozen passersby ignored her in the middle of a wholesale market.

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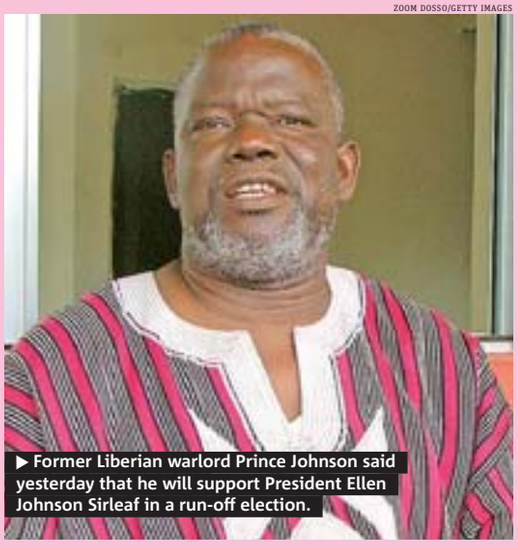

▶ Former Liberian warlord Prince Johnson said yesterday that he will support President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in a run-off election.

Incumbent 'lesser of 2 evils'

Notorious ex-warlord in Liberia supporting president ◐ Backing likely ensures the Nobel Peace Prize winner will win another term

Prince Johnson, the third-place finisher in the Oct. 11 poll, described incumbent President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as "the lesser of two evils" when he spoke to The Associated Press late Monday. He said he would ask his supporters to vote for her in Liberia's Nov. 8 presidential runoff.

Sirleaf took about 44 per cent of October's votes. Challenger Winston Tubman took about 32 per cent. Johnson said he would rather see Sirleaf serve her final six-year term than support Tubman, who would be eligible for two terms.

"I would prefer six years than to support anyone for 12 years." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roaming charges lesson learned

A Florida woman got a shock when she opened a recent mobile phone bill: She owed $201,000.

It was no mistake.

Celina Aarons has her two brothers on her plan. They are deaf and cannot speak, so the easiest way for them to communicate is by texting. Normally, that's not a problem. Aarons has a data plan that usually costs about $175.

But her brothers spent two weeks in Canada and Aarons never changed to an international plan. Her brothers sent over 2,000 texts and also downloaded videos, sometimes racking up $2,000 in data charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

T-Mobile

▶ T-Mobile told Aarons the bill was correct. She called Miami TV station WSVN, which contacted T-Mobile. The station reports that T-Mobile cut Aarons' bill to $2,500 and gave her six months to pay.

Model denies charges of cocaine-smuggling

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Angie Sanclemente

Argentine-Colombian model Angie Sanclemente is declaring her innocence as her cocaine-smuggling trial begins in Argentina.

Also charged are her Argentine boyfriend, a Venezuelan and four other Argentines accused of recruiting beautiful young women to smuggle drugs to Cancun for $5,000 a trip. The former Colombian Coffee Queen says she came to Argentina to get married, not to commit crimes. But she also says that she knew her boyfriend was involved in "something criminal" and couldn't leave him.

The probe began when one of the suspects allegedly tried to fly to Mexico with 55 kilos of cocaine.

Sanclemente was a fugitive in Argentina for months before her arrest. If convicted in the trial that began yesterday, she faces up to 16 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile. Protest

▶ Riot police detain a protester outside the government palace, La Moneda, in Santiago yesterday.

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Students clash with police

Protesters manned flaming barricades and clashed with police in Santiago on the first of a two-day national strike called by Chilean students to protest against the government's education policies.

BlackBerry outage saves lives

Police in Dubai, Abu Dhabi notice significant decline in traffic accidents involving young men Toronto force say too early to determine impact

There was an upside to last week's BlackBerry outage: In some countries, traffic accidents and fatalities plunged, according to reports.

In the Middle East cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, where BlackBerry service was interrupted for three days, accidents fell by 20 to 40 per cent, according to the local English-language newspaper, The National.

"The roads became much safer when BlackBerry stopped working," Brig.-Gen. Hussein Al Harethi, director of the Abu Dhabi police traffic department, said.

On average, there is a traffic accident every three minutes in Abu Dhabi and a fatality in Dubai every two days, police said.

The impact in Toronto and the rest of the province, where BlackBerry service was disrupted for less than a day, was unclear, local police said.

Crackdown

- During a crackdown on distracted drivers in September, OPP laid 165 charges and said cellphone usage was a factor in two of six fatalities that week.

The Ontario Provincial Police force said there were relatively few traffic accidents last week but it was not known whether that was related to the mobile-phone outage.

Toronto police's traffic services files a report every two weeks, spokesperson Sgt. Tim Burrows said, "so we won't know for a few more weeks."

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TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

JUST SAYIN' ...

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METRO

Space really is the final frontier — for tourists at least.

If you're forced to stifle yawns at the prospect of yet another visit to the all-inclusive Budget Paradise Cancun, wake up! In the next five years, according to delegates to this week's National Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight, outfits such as Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, and XCOR Aerospace will routinely offer space flights of fancy.

While early space tourism is not exactly going where no one has gone before — it will feature the kind of sub-space trips flown by the Mercury pioneer astronauts in the '60s — it's still a far cry from Sandals. The view is to die for, and you get to experience weightlessness for five whole minutes. Bite me, gravity.

This is not science fiction: It's going to happen. Virgin Galactic has already glide-tested the VSS Enterprise, and the six-passenger ship will undergo rocket-powered tests next year. Meanwhile, 450 people have put down $20,000 deposits on the $200,000 fare Virgin Galactic will charge when it finally gets off the ground. AXCOR's two-seater Lynx will be a little cheaper: $95,000 for a round trip.

"There's no word how many frequent flyer points will be required, but rumour has it they'll start with a zillion and work up from there. Blackouts will be routine — and that's once you're on the flight."

There's no word how many frequent-flyer points will be required, but rumour has it they'll start with a zillion and work up from there. Blackouts will be routine — and that's once you're on the flight. The entire experience will take only two and a half hours, but for space geeks the memories will last a lifetime … if they survive re-entry.

Virgin is even building a spaceport in the New Mexico desert, which is appropriate, considering that nearby Roswell is the world HQ for alien encounters.

The $209-million Spaceport America was christened a couple of days ago by Branson himself, who climbed down the side, quaffing champagne. Let's get this party started.

For those of you who think it's a waste of money and carbon and would rather go to Tuscany, I understand.

For $200K, you could spend the entire growing season in a luxury Tuscan villa, where it's warmer and sunnier than space, where the average temperature is three degrees above absolute zero. Well, at least it's not absolute zero.

The view in Tuscany is also pretty good, but on a clear day in space, you can see everywhere.

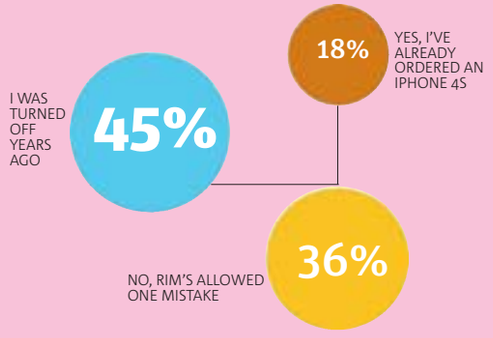
So far, I haven't been able to convince my wife to deposit 20 grand on the VSS Enterprise. She's up for a cruise but was thinking Alaska or the Caribbean.

I guess some people do not want to boldly go where no one has gone before, unless it has room service.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

Did the outage turn you off of BlackBerry smartphones?



Local tweets

- **@meganmgates:** I don't know what I'm seeing or where I'm going or who I am... #secretmovie #toronto
- **@rebeccahh95:** I dissected a pig heart today in biology! #Woot! It was very cool :-P
- **@franklyn:** 2011 #worldpressphoto exhibit at brookfield place, #toronto. until oct. 26, 2011. definite to do.
- **@MichaelleJeanF:** Let us not forget some of Canada's Indigenous communities, deprived of safe running water and adequate housing. #Canada
- **@MistaMensa:** Awaiting my hot date and checking out tonites #LGFashionWeek #Toronto events. Let's get this party started!
- **@glitterdiaries:** Off to #LGFW to see Jay Manuel! So excited!
- **@BIBagency:** This is going to be a tough decision @LGFWbyFDCC. #mcstartup show
- **@DelectablyChic:** Congrats to @martin_lim, the first winner of @MBStartUp #lgfw #tfw

Letters

There is a federal review of all spending by all government departments underway. All departments have been told to look at their budgets with a view to cutting five per cent or 10 per cent (both are an option) from their operations and programming budgets. This type of review is needed in these tumultuous financial times, but unfortunately it also includes Veterans Affairs Canada.

We will battle with all we have to prevent any programs or operations that will have the direct effect of our veterans' benefits being cut. Veterans — serving or retired; regular, reserve or RCMP — should always be given the thanks of the country that put them in harm's way. There is a way to show that thanks — and that is by not cutting any benefits that have accrued to them in the past because of this review.

President Barack Obama has stated that American veterans' programs would be exempt from the U.S. program review and that the U.S. would not live off the backs of the American veteran.

PATRICIA VARGA
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

photo of the day

▶ This photo titled FUN At The Park! was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by stevetroletti.com from Montreal.

Metro invites its readers to join the Metro Global Photo Challenge — running in 100 cities on four continents — to win fantastic prizes and worldwide recognition. Enter your digital photos at metrophotochallenge.com. The contest runs until Nov. 22. As well as a chance to win a trip to any city Metro publishes, one submission will also be featured here daily.

WEIRD NEWS

PhDs can only be explained by interpretive dance

So you think you can dance, Einstein?

Two Canadian scientists are among 16 finalists in this year's edition of a growing international competition that uses PhD theses as inspiration for dance videos.

"The goal of the contest is to be able to portray your research in a way that's fun to watch and that's easy to understand," said Erin McConnell, a Carleton University biochemist. Her thesis DNA Aptamers as a Tool for Studying Mental Health Disease is surprisingly well-expressed using hip-hop, ballet and Highland fling.

The annual Dance Your Thesis contest attempts to use dance to bridge the gap between science and the public — and lets scientists blow off a little steam after too many hours in the lab.

Creator John Bohanon said it all began as a way to liven up a New Year's Eve party. "I wanted it to be a dance party, but scientists are like everyone — you either need a lot of alcohol or a bizarre party theme to lighten the mood," he said. "I figured it would be really fun to have everyone compete by explaining their PhD research in dance form." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nova Scotia Nominee Program, Economic Stream Refund

If you paid fees to the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, **you might be able to get some money back from the Province of Nova Scotia**. Read this to find out more.

What is this about?

A lawsuit was started against the Province of Nova Scotia in 2009. The goal was to get a refund for people who applied for and paid fees into the former Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has now certified that lawsuit as a class action. Your legal rights may be affected. The lawyers for both sides have made a deal that would give a refund to eligible people. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia approved the settlement as fair and reasonable.

Am I included?

You are if you (1) paid money to Nova Scotia under the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, (2) landed and obtained permanent resident status in Canada, and (3) did not already get a refund. As long as you told the truth in your application and immigration filings, you should be eligible for a refund.

What does this mean for me?

If you are a Class Member, your legal rights are affected. You will benefit from any settlement, but you must give up your right to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own.

How much will I get?

If you were not paid anything under a business mentorship, you will get $63,750 back if your claim is approved ($75,000 less an approved 15% fee of $11,250). If you were paid under a business mentorship, the amount you were paid will be deducted from $75,000. The 15% fee will be taken from the net amount.

Do I have to pay anything out of my own pocket?

No. The lawyers' fees have already been accounted for in the amount set out above. You will not be billed. The Supreme Court approved the lawyers' fee as fair and reasonable

How do I get my money?

You have to fill in a Claim Form. A copy of the Claim Form can be found at *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. You must mail, fax, or email in the form by **May 4, 2012.**

What if I do not want to take part?

If you do not want to take part, you have to opt out. If you opt out, you will not get any benefit from the settlement. You will have to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own if you wish to recover anything. To opt out, go to *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*, download the opt out form, and submit it to the address listed. If you want to opt out, you must do so before **Jan. 5 2012.**

What if too many people opt out?

If more than 50 people opt out, the Province has the right to cancel the settlement. Neither the Province nor the lawyer for the class expect this to occur however.

I have other questions.

For more information, visit *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. If you still have questions, just contact the lawyer appointed by the court to act for the class, Greg McMullen at Branch MacMaster LLP, at *gmcmullen@branmac.com* or *604-631-2560.*

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▶ Research in Motion president and co-CEO Mike Lazaridis introduces the new BlackBerry operating system BBX at the BlackBerry DevCon Americas yesterday in San Francisco. The developer's conference runs through Thursday.

RIM unveils its new OS for BlackBerry devices

BBX will allow users to perform multiple tasks at same time, co-CEO says ◐ New smartphones expected to be more like mobile computers

Just days after the worst service outage in its history, Research In Motion unveiled a new operating system yesterday for its next-generation BlackBerry smartphones to better compete with Apple and Android devices.

The new BBX is based on the operating system that's already in the RIM's PlayBook tablet, co-CEO Mike Lazaridis told a software developer's conference in San Francisco.

"We're giving developers the tools they need to build richer applications ... as the BlackBerry and QNX platforms converge into our next generation BBX platform."
MIKE LAZARIDIS, RESEARCH IN MOTION PRESIDENT AND CO-CEO

He said the BBX operating system will give RIM's future smartphones the ability to run Android software applications, such as games, business and medical apps.

The Android operating system, developed by Google Inc., is used on a variety of phones, smartphones and tablets made by numerous manufacturers — making it an attractive technology environment.

Lazaridis reiterated that Research In Motion won't ditch its PlayBook tablet, which has been languishing on store shelves and sold fewer than one million units since its debut last April.

RIM has struggled through several major setbacks in recent months and the conference gives the Waterloo, Ont.-based company an opportunity to start regaining both its reputation and its share of the smartphone market. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ENBRIDGE PIPELINE

4,000 want to have their say

More than 4,000 people have registered to speak at hearings into a proposed pipeline to ship crude from Alberta's oilsands to fill supertankers on the B.C. coast.

Opponents of the $5.5-billion Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline hope the surge of public interest will pressure Ottawa not to approve the project.

Enbridge and project supporters say the pipeline would provide access to new markets in Asia and the U.S. and create thousands of jobs.

But thousands of individuals, environmental groups, tourism operators and more than 60 First Nations oppose the project over fear of pipeline and oil tanker spills.

A federal review panel will begin listening to the oral statements in January at hearings in communities along the proposed pipeline route. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Garda buys rival airport screener Aeroguard

Garda World Security has made its largest acquisition in more than four and a half years with the purchase of airport-screening company Aeroguard in a transaction valued at $16 million.

In August, Aeroguard signed a five-year contract with the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority to provide screening services at 15 airports in the Prairies and Northwest Territories, including airports in Calgary, Winnipeg and Edmonton.

The Montreal-based company has faced labour strife since its contract was renewed at Pearson International Airport. Earlier this month, it suspended 74 of its screening officers after they staged a work-to-rule campaign.

In August, Garda won the largest contract in its history with a five-year deal estimated at $650 million to provide screening at 15 Ontario airports including Pearson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Dispute threatens bailout for Greece

Disagreement between France and Germany may prevent eurozone leaders from reaching a crucial deal on a second rescue package for Greece this weekend.

A common position of the two biggest eurozone economies is seen as a precondition for reaching agreement between all 17 countries in the currency union at a crisis summit on Sunday.

Investors around the world hope a comprehensive plan to fight the debt crisis will keep the debt turmoil from pushing the global economy back into recession.

German officials have said that the eurozone needed to find a solution for Greece that makes the country able to repay its debts in the long-run.

France on the other hand has been reluctant to back bigger losses for banks, since French banks are among the biggest holders of Greek government bonds.

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Points of view

- Germany is pushing for banks to accept cuts of 50 per cent to 60 per cent on their Greek bondholdings, while France is insisting that leaders should only make technical revisions to a preliminary agreement reached with private investors in July.

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▶ A man checks a text message on his smartphone.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Oil	Natural gas
+ $1.96 US ($88.34 US)	$3.553 (- 13.5¢)

Gold $1,652.80 (- $23.80)

Firm fined over death of worker

A company has been fined $80,000 after a worker crating chickens was found crushed to death under a trailer in southwestern Ontario.

KD Farm Services was fined in the October 2009 incident in West Perth near Stratford.

The Ministry of Labour says workers were catching and crating chickens at a farm when the trailer was moved to make room for more crates.

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Carriers get the message

Texting declining as smartphone users switch to messaging ◐ Firms make up loss with data revenue

If Hamlet had a smartphone, he might ask, "To text, or to message: That is the question."

The answer is worth about $5 a month to the average Canadian wallet, as an increasing number of people switch from sending text messages on cellphone voice networks to using instant messaging on smartphones.

Canadians trade nearly seven billion regular text messages every month. But with the growing popularity of smartphones, the shift to data-based instant messaging has begun in earnest.

People once paid a monthly fee for a set number of text messages or, typically, 15 to 20 cents on a pay-per-message basis. Instant messaging piggybacks on a smartphone's data plan, eliminating the need for a separate charge.

The eventual disappearance of traditional texting has the potential to take $5 out of a typical cellphone bill, suggests industry analyst Peter Rhamey, of BMO Capital Markets.

On the other hand, customers' data plans appear to be making up for any eventual reduction in income from text messaging.

Rhamey reports that, currently, "Canadian carriers are growing data revenue by 30 to 50 per cent a year."

"There is a perfect storm coming where all the pieces will be in place to grow mobile usage."
BRYAN SEGAL, VICE-PRESIDENT OF SALES AT TELECOM INDUSTRY RESEARCH FIRM COMSCORE, PREDICTING 'A TSUNAMI OF DATA REVENUE'

The four-day global service breakdown of BlackBerry Messenger and Apple's introduction of iMessenger on its new iOS 5 operating system further underlined how important instant messaging has become.

A host of other services available to smartphone users, including Facebook Messenger, Windows Live Messenger, Google Talk, Pinger Textfree and Yahoo Messenger, work the same way.

Peter Rhamey predicts that the next breakthrough will be a "clearing house" that will allow all instant-messaging systems to freely connect with each.

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Canadians not putting holidays on hold: Study

A new survey suggests Canadians still have their sights set on vacation spots despite uncertainty about the direction of the economy.

The Bank of Montreal found that 61 per cent of respondents say they will take a fall or winter holiday this year.

About 20 per cent of respondents say they'll travel outside of Canada, with 14 per cent planning to head to the United States and five per cent vacationing outside North America.

In comparison, about 79 per cent of Canadians vacationed this past summer.

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▶ Survey says many Canadians plan to enjoy southern beaches like this one near the Mayan ruins of Noh Hoch in Mexico this winter.

Ambassador defends 'Buy America' policy

'Take the bad with the good,' Jacobson says Ottawa seeking exemption to protectionist provision in bill

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▶ U.S. ambassador to Canada David Jacobson delivers a speech to members of the Canadian Club of Ottawa yesterday.

The U.S. ambassador to Canada is defending the controversial Buy America provisions in his president's new jobs bill.

David Jacobson says U.S. President Barack Obama's $447-billion jobs legislation will get the U.S. economy back on track — and Canada's with it.

Jacobson told a business audience in Ottawa that the provision was necessary if Obama's bill has any chance of passage through a fractious U.S. Congress.

It was Jacobson's most hard-hitting public message since becoming Obama's envoy to Canada. He had little choice but to address the protectionist irritant.

Jacobson exhorted his audience to look at the bigger picture of the Canada-U.S. trading relationship — the largest in the history of the world.

Two-way trade between the two countries hit $526 billion last year, he says, or more than $1 million a minute.

"When you contrast the consequences of the Buy America provision on Canadian commerce — probably a few hours of that annual trade I talked about earlier — with the benefits to the Canadian economy of the bill as a whole, I suspect the vast majority of economists in Canada would say they'd take the bad with the good."

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Another makeover for the Musketeers

A hilarious look at the reincarnations of our three favourite swashbucklers through the years

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▶ Logan Lerman, left, Luke Evans, Ray Stevenson and Matthew Macfadyen star in The Three Musketeers 3D.

What do beloved hoofer Gene Kelly and post-millennial wild man Charlie Sheen have in common? The Hollywood stars both were "all for one, one for all" in a Three Musketeers movie.

Kelly was the heroic D'Artagnan in the 1948 version of the Alexandre Dumas story, while Sheen was — unsurprisingly — the arrogant womanizer Aramis in 1993.

The swashbuckling exploits of D'Artagnan and his three friends first appeared in print in 1844. Sixty years later a French film detailed their exploits for the first time.

Since then they have swashbuckled though an all-girl version called Barbie and the Three Musketeers, an old west adaptation starring John Wayne and bow wowed in an all canine edition called Dogtanian and the Three Muskethounds.

This weekend the all-new Three Musketeers brings their swashbuckling style to the big screen for the 30th time in the last century.

The Gene Kelly Three Musketeers is probably the most accurate adaptation from page to stage, but the most entertaining — and star studded — has to be The Three Musketeers: The Queen's Diamonds.

The 1973-era movie is bawdy, outrageous and action packed, with lavish set design and an even more lavish cast, including Michael York, Oliver Reed, Charlton Heston, Christopher Lee, Raquel Welch and Faye Dunaway.

Highlights include a chess game played with trained dogs and monkeys and some of the best sword fighting this side of an Errol Flynn movie.

The Musketeer (2001) features plenty of swordplay, but amps up the action with crouching tiger choreography by martial arts master Xin Xin Xiong.

Starring Justin Chambers as D'Artagnan, the story will ruffle the giant feather plumes worn by Dumas purists but as an action movie — Roger Ebert wrote, "Occasionally the action is interrupted by dialogue scenes" — it is the most exciting of the recent Musketeers movies.

Occasionally the Musketeers have appeared as supporting characters.

In 1998's The Man in the Iron Mask, the aging D'Artagnan and his posse — played by Gabriel Byrne, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich and Gérard Depardieu — come out of retirement to rid France of an evil king, Louis XIV and replace him with his twin brother, both played by Leonardo Di Caprio.

Based on Dumas's novel Count of Bragelonne the story was also the basis for The Fifth Musketeer, a 1979 movie with the unlikely cast of Beau Bridges as Louis XIV and Alan Hale Jr. (best known as The Skipper from Gilligan's Island) as Musketeer Porthos.

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Scene in brief

Glee star Cory Monteith has been named grand marshal of the Grey Cup festival parade. Monteith grew up in Victoria and moved to Vancouver as a teen to try his hand at acting. In a statement, Monteith said he is honoured to serve as grand marshal of the parade, adding that it's a thrilling excuse to come home.

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New Jersey's Monmouth University to be new home for Bruce Springsteen collection

On the road

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It's been 41 years since filmmaker Donald Shebib put Canada on the cinematic map with his kinetic, heartfelt nouvelle vague drama Goin' Down the Road, the tender tale of two destitute East coasters (Doug McGrath and the late Paul Bradley) who jump in their car and split for the promised land of post-'60s Toronto.

What they find is more hardship, trapped in a chilly city that cares not for their plight. But the world certainly cared for Shebib's cheap and charming film, with heavy hitting critics like Pauline Kael and Roger Ebert giving it the solid thumbs up.

"We shot that film all hand held and rough because he didn't have the money," says Shebib.

"We made it on the fly with what we could get, but we had the luxury of time, shooting for eight weeks and completely non union."

The surprise success of the scrappy little film was a double edged sword for Shebib, making his career while also chaining him to the verite expectations he had no intention of fulfilling. After making a respectable living in features and television, Shebib recently rounded up the surviving gang including McGrath, beloved actress Jayne Eastwood and Cayle Chernin (who sadly died of cancer earlier this year) to revisit the characters in the twilight of their lives in his latest, Down the Road Again, a sequel that sees McGrath's Pete hitting the trails with the remains of his deceased pal and making for his east coast home to scatter his ashes. What he finds is a family he never knew he had.

'When Don sent me this script, I couldn't be objective about it," McGrath told Metro, "because it was like reading my own history and it was like the life for this character was suddenly continuing. It was very emotional and I needed time to absorb it."

"A lot of people will be talking about Doug's performance," adds Eastwood about her returning co-star.

"To see an older guy on screen professing love for a woman as honestly and sweetly as he does…I'm getting weepy just talking about it."

Shebib reflects on the movie. "I've never been a media darling," he says.

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▶ A scene from Goin' Down the Road (1970).

▶ Doug McGrath stars in Down the Road Again.

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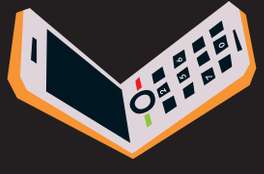

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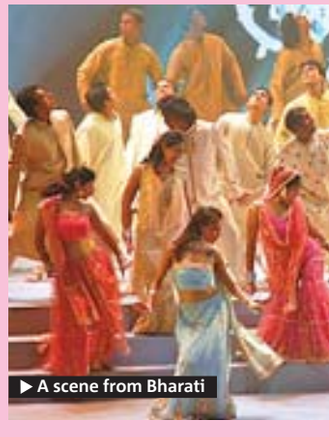

▶ A scene from Bharati

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Filmmaker Donald Shebib won critical acclaim in 1970 for his film about two East coasters takin' on T.O.
Decades later, a sequel lets the characters that have haunted their creator have a melancholy happy ending

"I have strong opinions…and it's not very Canadian to have strong opinions. Listen, I just want to keep making films and I just hope that people respond emotionally to this film because it deserves an audience."

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DURAN SINGER SIMON LE BON

Simon Le Bon finds himself in ordinary world

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▶ Duran Duran singer Simon Le Bon performs at The Joint inside the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino last month in Las Vegas.

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Though Simon Le Bon once sang that "wild boys never lose it," the Duran Duran singer experienced a huge physical setback when he blew out his voice during a concert earlier this summer.

"I really did lose my top range — a whole octave of my range — for about two months," he says.

"The doctors were never able to give me a definitive diagnosis of what had occurred."

Le Bon went on vocal rest and his bandmates and he rejiggered their set, so that when the singer was ready to sing again, the songs would ramp up from their mellower material into the frenetic songs they have always been known for.

"After seven shows I'm starting to feel like I'm getting back to invincible again," says the 52-year-old singer.

Although there is an air of humour in this statement, there is also an air of truth.

For a band whose sound so defined the 1980s, Duran Duran somehow escape being defined by that decade. For their most recent offering, last year's All You Need is Now, they worked with producer Mark Ronson and achieved a sound that honours their legacy, while showing a keen awareness of where music is today.

"I think we're very lucky, in that we've had numerous hits, from the early stuff — I guess, Hungry Like the Wolf was the first big hit and Is There Something I Should Know, Rio, The Reflex, — we've got lots of songs that really have had huge success here, and when you have so many of them, it's difficult for any one song to enslave you," he says.

"We could very easily go out and play a greatest hits show, but we're very conscious of the fact that to keep our excitement alive in the band, we need to make new albums, we need to make new songs and we need to play them to people."

Is there something they should know?

Le Bon says that Duran Duran has got their setlists down to a science, as far as what old hits and new numbers they play.

"We don't need to play as much as half the number of these songs, but not as little as a quarter," he says.

"There really is a balance that seems obvious when you're playing a show. If you put four new songs together, then the audience gets twitchy.

They want something they can dance to, and they know the words to, something they can sing along to, something they know can give them the feeling that they want."

Stalking success

Jason Derulo opens up about working with cocky music producers on his new CD and being followed around the world by one very obsessed female fan

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▶ Singer Jason Derulo

Jason Derulo's message to hit songwriters and producers: Check your egos at the door!

The 22-year-old singer, whose 2010 self-titled debut was produced by J.R. Rotem, wanted to challenge himself on his new album, so he held recording sessions with other producers.

Things didn't always go smoothly.

"Some of these people were walking in with these huge egos and they haven't really done anything and I'm like,'I'm not really with that, man,'" said Derulo, best known for hits like Whatcha Say and In My Head. "I can't really get down like that."

Future History still features Rotem, but also includes RedOne, The-Dream and DJ Frank E. It debuted at No. 29 on the Billboard charts last month.

So some sessions didn't go well?

I'm a fan of a lot of other producers and their work, so I wanted to kind of dive in and see what that was like. So I worked with a lot of people (and in) some instances it didn't work because I'm really not into working with people I don't have, like, a special connection with. ... So it has to be a friendly connection as well as business connection as well as a creative connection to make great material.

What would happen after it didn't work out?

So usually if I meet somebody and we don't click, I just won't finish the session. I'll be like, 'Maybe we can do this another time' and they'll never hear from me again.

How was RedOne?

He's somebody that's so down to earth ... a lot of these other people could take some notes. ... Just yesterday he was texting me, 'Hey, did you see the response on our songs? It's amazing. It's a smash.' He's like, 'I'm so excited.' Like, he still has that same excitement as he did in the beginning, and that's incredible.

So the song Be Careful is about a stalker?

I had a stalker situation where I met this girl and it started off as something that I thought would be some kind of, I don't know what to call it, fling. But it just turned out to be something totally different and she was following me around the world.

Were you hesitant about writing the song since she was stalking you?

I'm never hesitant about writing a song. It doesn't really matter what it is. If you don't want a song written about you, you should probably not be in my life (laughs). I'm going to write songs about anything. I've had girls sit in the studio with me and they just burst into tears because I literally will tell the whole story how it is, you know what I mean? Whether it's painful or not.

How did It Girl come about?

It definitely was one of those songs that kind of just like rolled off the tongue and I haven't found my "it girl" yet, but you know, I know she's out there somewhere.

What was it like recording Breathing, which is uptempo but is also about your cousin's death?

It's partly about my cousin's passing and partly about a relationship I was in. ... It has a positive-negative vibe to it. If you're going through something you don't have to dwell in it. You can pick yourself up and that was the thought process behind writing this song and during the recording process, during the writing process it was pretty emotional and pretty rough for me ... I was actually in tears when I was making the record.

Are you going on tour?

I'm starting my tour in February ... going to the U.K. then Australia and I think I'm going to come to America after. I'm excited because we're doing these huge rooms and there's a lot of things that I wanted to do that I couldn't do because I was a new artist and the budgets weren't there, or the venues weren't big enough that I was playing at. But now selling out these 15,000-seaters across the world is really exciting. I can spread my wings.

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Lining up under Biebs' Mistletoe

Justin Bieber is first artist on Universal Music to be allowed to have some of album sales benefit a charity

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▶ Justin Bieber performs during his My World Tour concert at the National Stadium in Lima, Peru.

Justin Bieber is in the holiday spirit: The singer is the first artist on the Universal Music roster to have part of his album sales benefit charity.

Partial sales from Under the Mistletoe, his Christmas album that is out Nov. 1, will go to various charities, including Pencils of Promise and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Universal never actually allowed money from the album to go to charity, so it's kind of a unique thing and I'm very happy and proud of what we've done," the 17-year-old said in an interview from Lima, Peru, on Monday.

Bieber said he isn't sure how much of the sales will go to charity, but thanks his team for helping him achieve his goal of wanting to help others during the holiday season.

"I tell them basically what I want and they kind of go and help me get it done," said Bieber, who will also donate money to various food banks.

Under the Mistletoe features collaborations with Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, among others. He said he wanted to "work with people who had great experiences with Christmas albums."

"They were all great people and fun to be around," said the Canadian-born entertainer, who appears on a "super festive" version of Carey's classic song All I Want for Christmas.

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The album

Lots of big names attached to the album

- **Who?** Chris Brown co-wrote and co-produced the song Christmas Eve. And there are also tunes featuring Usher and the country trio the Band Perry.
- **Rapping** Bieber raps on the Busta Rhymes-assisted Drummer Boy

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Prepare for the zombie attacks

- Author Colson Whitehead speaks to Metro about his new book Zone One
- Talks about how he likely won't survive when the walking dead arrive

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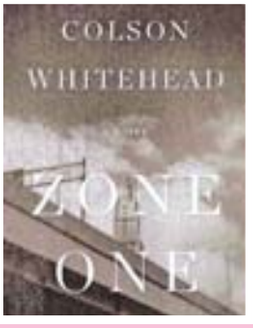
▶ Colson Whitehead says that when the zombies finally get here he will probably be among the first to get bit.



Who among us hasn't had a nightmare about what a post-apocalyptic city — like Toronto or New York City — might look like.

If you're acclaimed Brooklyn novelist Colson Whitehead (Sag Harbor, John Henry Days), that vision involves zombies — and lots of 'em.

In Zone One, Whitehead's sixth book, a civilian volunteer named Mark Spitz spends three intense days clearing out the zombies that are left hiding in the buildings south of Canal Street — and behind every door is a new surprise. Whitehead answered a few questions for us about inspiration, zombie films and his likelihood for survival when the zombies finally attack. (Oh, they're coming all right.)

How constructed was the structure of this book from the beginning? Did you find your way to the ending by chance?

It started with a dream. I had houseguests and I heard them in the living room making breakfast one morning. I went back to sleep and dreamt that I wanted to go into the living room, but I wondered if they'd cleaned out all the zombies yet. Nice, right? I woke up and thought, yeah, that's probably a logistical nightmare in cleaning up after the apocalypse: Who's going to clean out all the plague-infected wretches?

Did you have some zombie novels or films that inspired you? Do you have any favourite post-apocalyptic New York novels or films?

The inspirations for Zone One are the horror and science-fiction movies I devoured as a kid, specifically the Romero trilogy, and assorted end-times films like Escape From New York, Omega Man, The Road Warrior, and Planet of the Apes. If humanity has made a big mistake, and everybody's dead, it's in this book somehow.

You're a champion tweeter, with nearly 90,000 followers. Is Twitter a delight or distraction?

Delight. I always did my homework in front of the TV, grew up trying to sleep through police sirens and car alarms, so I know how to keep the noise out. During the day, I write, check Twitter, eat lunch, watch some news on the tube — there's plenty of time for all the crap I want to do. If I had an office job, I'd hang out in the break room all day. Now I have Twitter.

When the zombies come, where are you going to hide?

Hide? I'm going to get bit first thing. Certainly mindlessness will take the edge off my neuroses.

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Talking points

Clooney finally steps out with new girlfriend

DANCING AROUND THE ISSUE. While they've previously acknowledged their new relationship, George Clooney and girlfriend Stacy Keibler made their red carpet debut, posing for photos together at the New York Film Festival premiere of his new film, the Descendants, according to Hollyscoop.

While Keibler, a former wrestler, previously competed on Dancing with the Stars, Clooney swore he'd never be a contestant.

"I'm a terrible dancer," he said.

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Musso picked up for a DUI

NEXT UP: GETTING DROPPED FROM THE SHOW. Mitchel Musso, the 20-year-old former Hannah Montana actor, was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this week, according to TMZ. Musso was pulled over after failing to slow down for police who were directing traffic at an intersection. According to the police report, officers approached Musso's 2007 black Mercedes Benz and detected a "strong odor of alcohol." Musso was reportedly administered a breathalyzer and tested "well above" the legal limit for blood alcohol levels.

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Sarandon calls the Pope a Nazi

HARSH WORDS. Susan Sarandon is taking on Pope Benedict XVI. While discussing her 1995 film Dead Man Walking at the Hamptons Film Festival, Sarandon had some unkind words for the current head of the Catholic Church, according to Newsday. Sarandon explained that she'd sent a copy of the book upon which the film was based — which advocates against the death penalty — to the pontiff.

"The last one," Sarandon clarified, "not this Nazi one we have now."

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Celebrity tweets

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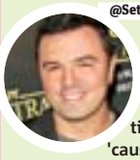

"The Bible confuses me sometimes, 'cause I can never figure out which members of the family can understand God."

Yoooouuu ... got arrested

Rapper Soulja Boy — whose real name is DeAndre Cortez — was arrested for marijuana possession yesterday in Temple, Ga., according to TMZ.

The 21-year-old's car was pulled over for a traffic violation, but police then found "a substantial amount" of marijuana in the car, as well a selection of guns and close to $70,000 in cash.

The four other passengers in the car were arrested as well.

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Travel in brief

British billionaire Richard Branson was in Sierra County in southern New Mexico on Monday to get the keys to Spaceport America, the newly completed terminal and hangar facility where his Virgin Galactic will begin its commercial space tourism venture from this remote patch of desert. The building will house Virgin Galactic's spacecraft, mission control and a preparation area for space tourists.

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NYC skyline park inspires ideas for new life for old viaduct blighting Philly's 'eraserhood'

Out of this world

Sedona, Ariz., has long been associated with spiritual and paranormal activity

But this quirky locale offers visitors plenty to do — just watch out for little green men

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They say there's some magic in those beautiful red rock formations in mystic Sedona, Ariz., and who am I to argue?

Truth is, it's pretty hard to find any place on earth more beautiful than this strange oasis tucked in the middle of the desert. I had heard stories of this spiritual mecca being a sacred place for Aboriginals for thousands of years, and soon after arriving I could see why.

Sedona is just somehow different, and almost surreal compared to the endless flat desert surrounding it. Many visitors have reported countless spiritual and paranormal experiences, and the UFO sightings continue to pour in every year.

In fact, Sedona is considered a major power centre, right up there with Stone Henge and the Pyramids, and I have to admit, I felt a certain surge in my aura while strolling among those amazing rocks.

It may have been the wine and burritos from the night before, but I swear many of Sedona's massive rock formations looked almost intricately carved by someone or something.

Maybe it was the aliens.

Cathedral Rock and Bell Rock are two of the most popular attractions in the area. Bell Rock is considered by some to be a portal to other dimensions.

I could almost envision the mother ship waiting for me, beckoning me ... or not.

Whether you happen to believe in the super natural or find it all hogwash, Sedona is well worth the pilgrimage. I found myself a tad awestruck, almost hypnotized at the unique beauty all around.

The surrounding community has a very laid back, almost spaced out (pardon the pun) feel to it.

There's plenty of hidden canyons and trails for hiking and mountain biking, and many show up to enjoy a day of "birding," apparently the cool Sedona way of bird watching.

Because its elevation is more than 1,300 metres, there are a unique variety of feathered friends to watch year round.

Although they have little in common, Sedona does share one feature with its polar opposite, Las Vegas.

In recent years, many couples flocking to the magic rocks for quickie, but spiritual weddings.

There is a lot to love in this magical little oasis ... just watch out for little green men!

Other cool things to do

Star Gazing: Evening Star tours offer a personalized guided tour of the heavens. Because the area is so dark, you'll be treated to a heavenly light show that isn't seen from cities.

Golf and Tennis: The area features several championship courses in the area, and local resorts feature year-round tennis in the desert sun.

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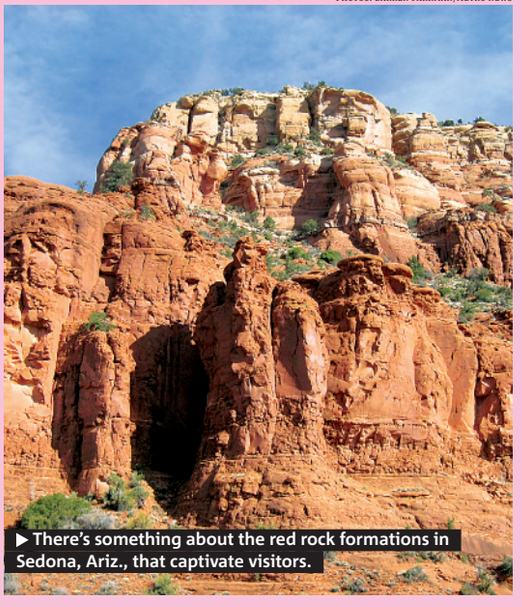

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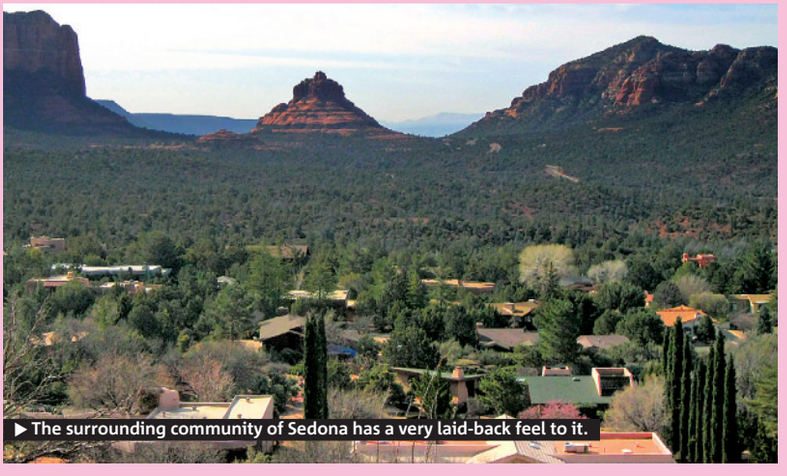

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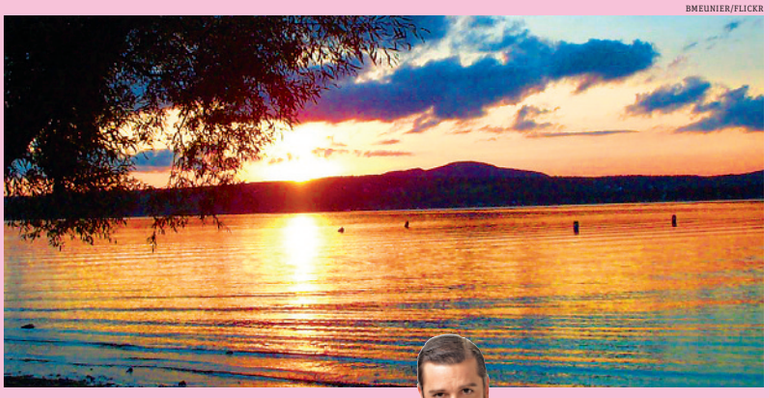

My favourite place to travel in Canada? Tough choice! My time off to travel is usually in the winter so typically we head south to the warmth or to Europe to avoid the crowds of summer.

Being from Quebec, where all of my family still lives, I'd have to say my fave is the Eastern Townships. I have fond memories of fresh farmed food and world class mountain biking at Bromont in the summer then maple syrup and skiing in winter. Lac Magog in the valley and the green rolling hills are stunning.

Best of all? I had my first Poutine not far from there with my closest cousin Francis.

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Going Solo

Travelling alone offers a unique perspective for women But common sense and safety are important

For women, solo travel can be an eye-opening experience. People will invite you to an activity, or offer tips on a hidden gem not listed in the guidebook.

But it can also carry some risks.

"I find that if I am travelling alone, it is much easier to meet the locals," said Betty Thesky, 46, a flight attendant who has been to more than 30 countries, and whose first solo trip was to Jordan and Israel.

Thesky says that "you are more approachable when you are by yourself, and people assume that if you're alone, you would appreciate company."

Angie Orth, 29, who left her job as a New York public relations executive to travel the world for a year, said travelling solo allows her to be selfish with her time, money and itinerary.

"You can do whatever you want. If you want to sit in a cafe and drink coffee and be on Facebook all day, you can."

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▶ Safety should be the number one priority for women travelling alone.

Meeting others

Thesky said she finds there's an unwritten rule among solo travellers that asking another traveller to dinner or drinks in a new country does not automatically constitute a date.

"Once you start to realize how friendly people can be, it gets much easier to approach them," Thesky said.

Elinor Warkentin, 52, of Vancouver, recommends that female solo travellers consider joining an organization like Women Welcome Women World Wide.

The group connects female travellers with women living in the country they are visiting.

Warkentin has met or stayed with more than 100 women this way, and is often met at airports and train stations by other group members.

Safety First

One of the downsides of being alone is that you can't trust everyone you meet.

"You just have to be a little more careful when you're on your own," says Orth. Orth, who is single, says she tells people that she's in a relationship as a way to set a clear boundary from the start.

Safety is also an important consideration for Warkentin.

After being robbed of her camera at knifepoint while travelling alone in Chile in 1992, she downsized her camera and routinely uses windows or other reflective surfaces to see who's behind her.

She also always maps out in advance how to reach her first hotel upon arrival in a new country, and leaves expensive jewelry at home while trying to blend in to the local culture.

She recommends a bus tour the first day in a new place too, as a way to get oriented.

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For more information

- Angie Orth's blog about her yearlong solo trip: angieaway.com
- Betty Thesky's podcast about travel: bettyinthesky.com
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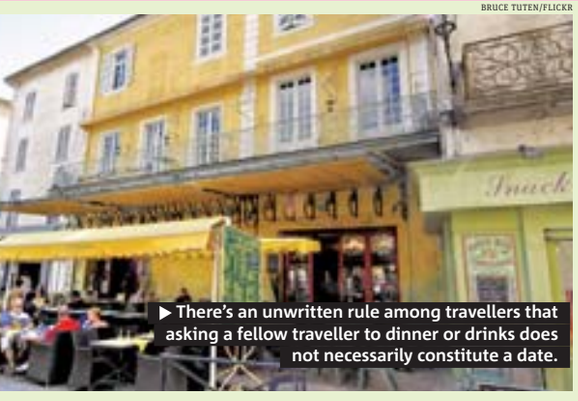

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Where to stay

Thesky recommends hostels and budget hotels for single travellers because they often have common areas where people can meet. Another resource is the website for Couchsurfing, which connects travellers to hosts with free informal lodging as well as offering options for simply meeting locals for coffee or a drink. "We all have a desire to get to know each other," says Warkentin.

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Tiny capital with big taste

A community of young chefs makes Providence, R.I., a great getaway for foodies looking for a bit of flavour

There's also plenty to keep you busy between meals

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The Biltmore hotel offers a glimpse of aristocratic life in Providence.

Eat

For lunch, head to Federal Hill — Providence's Little Italy — and watch your pasta be made by hand in the front window of Trattoria Zooma before heading in and trying it for yourself.

For dinner, reserve a seat at the bar of Nick's on Broadway and watch chef Derek Wagner work his magic in the form of delights like skillet-roasted Block Island striped bass and vanilla-lime panna cotta with malted crisp. Channel your inner European and wash it down with a Pimms Cup done right.

Also, don't miss the gourmet-hip experience of The Red Fez. This tiny, dim-lit food Mecca is a trendy place among locals who love to feast on the indulgent menu of chef Ed Reposa.

Don't leave without trying the mac and cheese with cheddar, swiss and smoked gouda.
Hint: add chourico.

Your late night craving for something greasy and perfect is covered by Haven Brothers food truck, parked at Fulton and Dorrance Streets.

Drink

Order a cocktail and dance with Providence socialites at Tazza, a lounge that feels more like a small club. If dive bars are more your scene, check out Scurvy Dog, a favourite among local hipsters. Or, check out McBride's Irish Pub, one of the newest additions to Wayland Square. The bar, which shares its building with a funeral home, offers a nightly pause at 10 pm when patrons lift their glasses in memory of the departed.

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Thayer Street is home to the quirky shops of Providence.

Shop

Head to Thayer Street, home to unique shops and coffee houses. Lose yourself in the vintage stores and boutiques.
Be sure to check out the collection of vintage cowboy boots at NAVA.

Sleep

There are plenty of hotels for resting your head in Providence, but perhaps none as charming as the centrally located Biltmore. The staff at this 292-room hotel will go above and beyond to make your stay memorable and comfortable. The grand lobby offers a glimpse of aristocratic life in Providence as the city's whose who's shuffle in and out. METRO

See

Providence is well known for its famed WaterFire art installment by Barnaby Evans.

The incredible sight is made up of a series of bonfires that grace the surface of the three rivers that flow through downtown.

WaterFire lights up the night several times a month from May to October.

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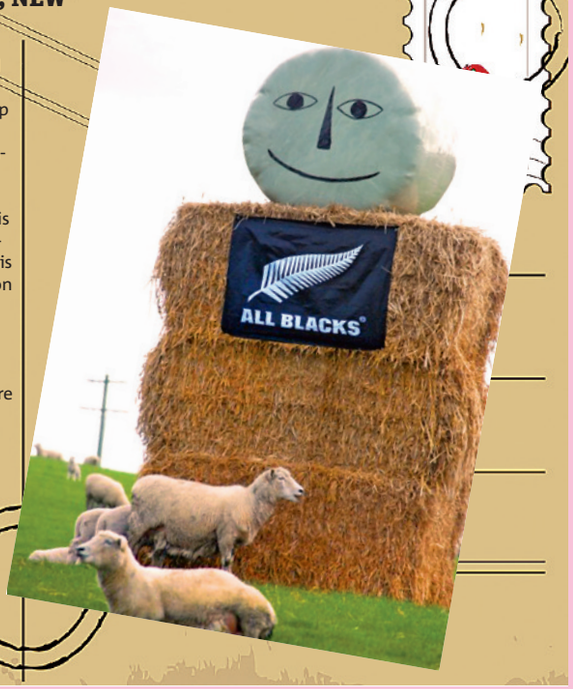

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Frozen dreams

New high-tech chalets will soon be added at Ottawa's Rideau Canal for ice-skating visitors

Canada's largest skating rink is being spruced up this year with some cutting-edge chalets — thanks in part to the global economic meltdown.

The high-tech structures, to be installed on the Rideau Canal in downtown Ottawa next month, were paid for by the federal government's $4-billion infrastructure stimulus fund, created to fight the recession.

The seven chalets, which provide skaters with four change rooms and three washrooms, each cost an average of $750,000 for a total investment of $5.24 million.

They're replacing some of the tattered, musty buildings that have been used along the Rideau skateway since the early 1970s, when the National Capital Commission first began to shovel snow from the canal to form a giant skating rink.

The postcard-perfect venue now attracts about a million visits a season but years of sharp skates pounding the old wooden chalets have taken their toll.

The new, roomier structures have large, well-lit windows for better security and are more accessible for the elderly and people with reduced mobility.

The new washrooms are also more family friendly and have more toilets to cut down on sometimes excruciating waiting times.

At six metres wide and 18 metres long, the chalets' open, web-steel trusses are meant to mimic the arches of canal bridges.

The buildings, designed by the Ottawa firm CVS Architects, are billed as environmentally friendly and expected to last 35 years.

"I think that they're really going to enhance the user experience," says Jasmine Leduc, a communications officer with the National Capital Commission.

The opening of the Rideau Canal skateway, a 7.8-kilometre ice surface that stretches from downtown Ottawa to the man-made Dow's Lake, is completely dependent on sometimes-fickle winter weather. In recent years, the ice has formed reliably in January for a two-month season.

In the most recent season, the rink's 41st which ran from Jan. 8 to March 6, 2011, there was a stretch of 40 consecutive days of almost perfect skating conditions.

The giant rink also serves as the centrepiece for the National Capital Commission's annual Winterlude, scheduled for Feb. 3-20 in 2012, which includes ice-sculpture competitions and other frosty activities.

Guinness World Records in July 2005 declared the skateway the "largest naturally frozen ice rink in the world," though in January 2008 Guinness also acknowledged that Winnipeg is home to the world's longest rink, which is cleared on the city's frozen rivers. The giant canal rink is equivalent to the surface area of 105 NHL rinks.

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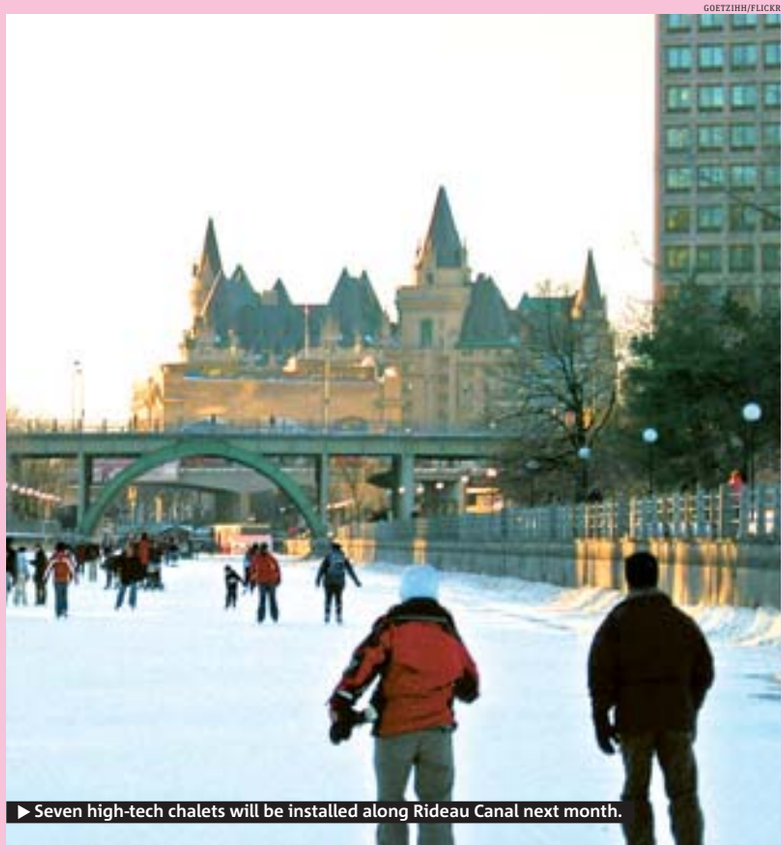

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Let the foodie battle begin

Recipe to Riches sees 21 home cooks go toe-to-toe Try a dish from one of the competitors

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This recipe makes 12 servings.

Brad Gash from Gatineau, Que., isn't the typical food competition contender. However, the avid outdoorsmans and civil servant is getting a chance to possibly see his signature dish in stores across Canada, thanks to the Food Network's Recipe to Riches.

The show sees 21 finalists compete in seven categories, ranging from appetizers to entrées and desserts. The winners of each category stand to receive a $25,000 cash prize and see their recipe developed into a President's Choice product.

The best part? Each week, Canadians have the chance to sample category winners' products in-store. Once category winners are determined, a $250,000 prize is up for grabs.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 2 cups (500 mL) maple syrup
- 3-1/3 cups (825 mL) all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) salt
- 1 cup (250 mL) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) milk
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 400°F (200°C). In saucepan, bring cream and maple syrup to boil over medium heat. Pour into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) glass baking dish.
2. In bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
3. In stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat butter with sugar until light. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in milk and vanilla. Beat in flour mixture just until combined. Using ice cream scoop or two large spoons, scoop 12 mounds of batter into hot syrup in baking dish.
4. Bake in centre of oven for 40 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. **RECIPE COURTESY OF FOOD NETWORK. RECIPE TO RICHES PREMIERES TONIGHT AT 9 PM ET/PT ON FOOD NETWORK CANADA**

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Drink of the week

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With Halloween less than two weeks away, it's time to start preparing for those scary parties. This drink for the big kids will get anyone in the mood.

- 30 ml (1 oz) gin
- 30 ml (1 oz) Lillet (blanc)
- 30 ml (1 oz) triple sec
- Juice of half a lemon
- 5 drops of absinthe
- 1 thin slice orange

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine gin, Lillet, triple sec, lemon juice and absinthe. Strain into a martini glass, then garnish with orange slice.

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Impress with Polpette di Fungi

These "egg balls" with mushrooms make a great dinner appetizer

Preparation:

1. Beat eggs and baking soda with whisk. Add cheese, breadcrumbs, parsley and mushrooms to egg mix. Season with sea salt and pepper and fold gently until all ingredients combined.
2. Using teaspoon, form balls of mix, then roll in extra Panko crumbs.
3. Heat oil in pan, add 3 egg balls and fry over medium heat until golden brown all round. Drain on a paper towel and continue until done.
4. Heat sauce over medium heat and add balls when sauce bubbles. Turn heat down to low and partially cover pan. Continue to heat for 7 minutes — balls will be warm and will have absorbed sauce. Serve with fresh basil. **NEWS CANADA/ MARDI MICHELS OF EATLIVETRAVELWRITE.COM**

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 50g grated Parmesan
- 50g Panko breadcrumbs, plus extra for rolling
- 1/4 cup chopped plain parsley
- 1/2 cup finely diced fresh mushrooms
- Pinch sea salt
- Ground black pepper
- Olive oil for frying
- One jar (about 700mls) of your favourite pasta sauce

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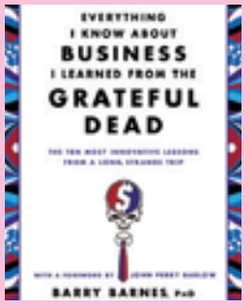

In his youth, Barry Barnes was pretty square, especially by late '60s standards. He was a business major working in IT for IBM. But then in 1972, he heard the Grateful Dead for the first time. "Was it a shift in consciousness? Yeah, I guess you could say that," he explains.

He spent the next 17 years pursuing an MBA and later worked as an executive at John Deere — until 1989, when inspiration struck: What could the Grateful Dead teach the business world?

"I could see the dramatic changes in the economy, and I saw businesses struggling to adapt," he explains. "The music was speaking to me in a nonverbal language, saying: 'Look, you talk about adaptability? Here it is. Teamwork? Creativity? Innovation? Reaching out to your customers? These guys know how to do this better than anybody.'"

He promptly quit his job and began a doctoral program at the University of Kansas, where he hoped to study the "organizational principles of the Grateful Dead."

Now, after 20 years of study, Everything I Know About Business I Learned from the Grateful Dead: The Ten Most Innovative Lessons from a Long, Strange Trip, is set to hit bookstores in November.

"The people that I interviewed in the Grateful Dead organization were on the business side. They weren't in the band. For the band, it's easy to say [they didn't plan anything]," says Barnes. "But you can't have a successful organization that tours the country nonstop for 30 years without a whole lot of planning going on."

Silence is definitely not golden for us job-seekers

STUDENT VOICE

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I graduated with a degree in Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University in the spring of this past year. In my final semester, I landed a coveted internship at the Late Show with David Letterman in New York City. I returned to Toronto starry-eyed and sure that my resumé would magnetize employers. Months of unemployment later, I'm frustrated and left wondering what went wrong.

My job search began mid-way through my internship at the Late Show, creating a cushion of time to face rejection and find opportunity. I sent out my resumé and cover letter to countless companies across Toronto. I made phone calls and waited.

My efforts and strategies varied, but the response remained the same: silence. The lack of response was something I attributed to geographical distance. Upon arriving to Toronto, I intensified my search with a broadening focus on creating an online and personal presence. I made daily phone calls with detailed messages, sent hard copies of my resumé, provided links to my projects and networked.

The most irritating aspect of the career search is not rejection, but a sheer lack of response. A silent frustration settles, because my efforts have not met with the validation of a yes or no. My exasperation over simply hearing back overshadows the job hunt.

Record high unemployment for recent graduates has created desperation and a scramble for the few entry-level offerings available. Employers are inundated with hundreds of resumés that leave them incapable of giving each applicant adequate attention.

Employers should reward our efforts with their time. There is an understandable gap in the ratio of applications and responses. It's easy to screen resumés for key words and to rely on technology to select appropriate applicants and, especially in entry-level positions, far too convenient to select those who simply know the right people. If you notice someone making the effort to contact you personally, consider their enthusiasm and dedication as a skill that will translate well in your company and an effort that should at least merit a conversation. Give them advice and take the time to listen.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Nicole's experience.

- Get to know professionals in your dream industry and ask to chat before asking for a job.
- Use your network to meet employers and keep in touch with them once you do.

Where Nicole is now

I am currently working at Indigo as a Customer Experience Representative. I am also applying to graduate schools to help me find a specific focus in which to concentrate my skills and passion. I have decided to apply for either a master's of journalism or to teacher's college.

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It is that easy being green — at work

Are the eco-friendly habits you've embraced at home not translating to the workplace? Be a green pioneer

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Take a sustainable stand at work and challenge your co-workers to do the same.

At home, most of us wouldn't think about leaving the air-conditioner on full blast while leaving town for a couple days.

Or tossing a luncheon's worth of plastic bottles directly in the trash.

Or using individually packaged creamers for another cup of coffee from a massive pot we'll never finish.

And yet in the office, these are common practices even among those who consider themselves environmentally friendly.

In their new book, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Greening Your Business, co-authors Trish Riley and Heather Gadonniex look at companies' most wasteful policies, as well as practical solutions — of which, Riley points out, there are many.

"Solutions are happening just as fast as the problems are — and people don't realize that, they think we're just sunk," she says.

"And sure, we're not going to save the planet unless big businesses get on board, but what's cool is that big businesses are getting on board. They're doing these things to meet consumer needs — because they know this is what we want."

One of the companies profiled in the book, Clif Bar, goes far beyond the usual recycling bins, offering incentives for employees who drive hybrid cars and take public transportation to work in addition to offering flexible telecommuting options to further reduce fuel usage. While these perks end up costing an employer a little extra, they contribute to something almost priceless: The perception that they care.

"Money talks," admits Riley. "But when they show their customers that money is not the most important thing, that they care about our environment and the future of it, that goes a long way — especially with consumers with children."

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TRISH RILEY, CO-AUTHOR OF THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO GREENING YOUR BUSINESS

What can you do?

Riley's recommendations for a greener office:

1. Don't simply turn off your computer at night — unplug it. The machines use a small amount of "phantom energy" when plugged in, hence the subtle glow and eerie hum of a room full of computers that are seemingly off.

2. Establish an office compost bin in the kitchen in addition to the now-standard recycling bins.

3. Make sure lights are off and that heating and cooling systems are adjusted for hours when the office is empty.

4. Create a greening committee. "When an office decides they want to do something like this, they have to create a team of people across the spectrum who makes sure that everyone, top to bottom, understands."

BRANCHING OUT

Debbie Fung and Jason Lu

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE YOGA TREE OPENING FOURTH STUDIO LATER THIS YEAR

You could say 2011 is a banner year for Debbie Fung and Jason Lu.

Fung and Lu, the co-founders of The Yoga Tree chain of studios, first opened their third studio, this one in Toronto, in March. Their son Preston was born in April. They are opening a fourth 5,000-square-foot studio at Yonge and Eglinton later this year. And they have been nominated for a 2011 FuEl award as a Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

They have come a long way since the two first headed to India — Lu for five months of yoga training, Fung for ayurvedic healing and massage — and then opened their first studio in Thornhill in 2007. But the studio's vision has remained clear.

"We wanted to offer a traditional, authentic yoga," says Fung.

That shows in the more than 150 classes Yoga Tree offers weekly, including hatha yoga, hot yoga, restorative yoga, lyengar and many more.

THREE THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOGA TREE

- Its studios are eco-friendly — along with efficient lighting and sustainably-built floors, its Richmond Hill studio features a 16-foot wall of live plants.
- Yoga Tree offers a 250-hour teacher training program.
- It has an iPhone app (Yoga Tree app) to reserve classes online.

To accommodate programming, all four studios (the fourth is located at Yonge and Eglinton) follow the same design — a three-roomed yoga studio offering classes in multiple styles of yoga at the same time. And newer lifestyle-based elements are also being added.

"Our downtown studio has a tea station with a different flavour of complimentary tea each month," she says. "And in our newest studio, we're looking into offering massage therapy as well as traditional herbal healing."

That's all part of the plan to offer a fully rounded studio.

"Some people assume yoga is hot or for those very flexible. So we offer gentle and restorative yoga classes as well as very challenging classes," Fung says. "It's not a one-size fits all yoga."

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Will anyone be watching?

World Series features big hitters, ace pitchers and Rally Squirrel, but no big TV draws

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▶ Adrian Beltre and his Rangers teammates practice yesterday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

A big star who's overcome personal adversity. A popular band that everyone counted out. A crazy critter with a cute nickname.

Turn on the TV this week, and you can see top talent, neat plot lines and two loaded lineups.

So what's it going to be: Sofia Vergara on ABC or Criminal Minds on CBS?

Oh, the World Series? That, too.

By any measure, the matchup of the Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals that starts tonight is a nifty one. A totally unexpected pairing, boosted by sluggers Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton and spiced by a Rally Squirrel.

But minus big-market teams, and at a time when TV ratings for baseball games are dwindling, this is the overarching question as the Series begins in the shadow of the Arch at Busch Stadium: Will anyone watch?

A Yankees cap turned backward on his head as he waited to pick up a fare in midtown Manhattan, cab driver Jay Javid of Brooklyn said he wouldn't tune in after his favourite team got eliminated.

"I'll be watching cricket," said Javid, who was born in Pakistan.

The Rangers didn't make much of a dent last year, when their games against the San Francisco Giants drew an 8.4 rating. That matched the lowest ever for a World Series, tying Philadelphia and Tampa Bay in 2008. It was 39 per cent higher when the Yankees and the Phillies played in 2009.

This October doesn't bode well for Fox, either. The Detroit-Texas and Milwaukee-St. Louis showdowns for slots in the World Series attracted little interest, compared to previous years.

"Realistically, the Yankees, love 'em or hate 'em, they're a big market, a lot of following around the country. It's the same thing with the Red Sox in a way. It is what it is," Fox Sports vice chairman Ed Goren said.

OK, so this might not be the Most Viewed Postseason. But there will be plenty of other MVPs inside the ballparks.

Hamilton, who struggled through drug-addiction demons that nearly derailed his major league career before it began, led Texas back into the Series.

Pujols helped the Cardinals make a remarkable run in the final month that culminated with them earning a playoff spot on the final day of the regular season. Adding to the intrigue: The three-time NL MVP has spent his entire career with St. Louis, but can leave for a big-bucks contract as a free agent this winter.

"If you haven't seen us playing and you think there's no fun with the way we've been playing or the way Texas is playing, then you're not really a true fan of baseball," Pujols said.

Add in David Freese, the local guy who blossomed into a St. Louis star; Texas fixture Michael Young, who asked for a trade and then stuck around; and a plucky squirrel who scampers across home plate at Busch Stadium, and there's ample to enjoy.

"It's two middle-of-the-country teams," Texas second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "I think it's awesome that there's no coasts here."

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The ump

Umpire Jerry Layne has been named crew chief for the World Series between the Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals.

TFC through to quarter-finals

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Joao Plata scored two second-half goals and Danny Koevermans scored in the first half as Toronto FC defeated FC Dallas 3-0 Tuesday to advance to the quarter-finals of the CONCACAF Champions League.

Toronto also played some determined defence when needed in the Group C match played before a sparse crowd at Pizza Hut Park.

Toronto finished with 10 points from three victories and a draw in six games in the group.

It is the first time Toronto has reached the tournament's knockout stage.

The victory helped ease the disappointment of a fifth straight season without making the Major League Soccer playoffs.

Dallas had defeated Toronto three times this season previously.

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UFC

St-Pierre will miss title fight

A knee injury suffered in training Tuesday has forced welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre out of next week's UFC 137 title fight with Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit.

"We don't play golf," a muted St-Pierre told The Canadian Press. "It's a full-contact sport. This stuff happens."

St-Pierre sustained a strained knee ligament defending a takedown at Montreal's Tristar Gym in his final week of training. The champion says he will be sidelined about four weeks.

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"I think it's always exciting going into Toronto. Everybody likes playing there because of the atmosphere. Being able to play there before and being on a Canadian team again makes it that much better."

JETS CENTRE KYLE WELLWOOD ON PLAYING IN TORONTO TONIGHT TO TAKE ON HIS FORMER TEAM THE MAPLE LEAFS.

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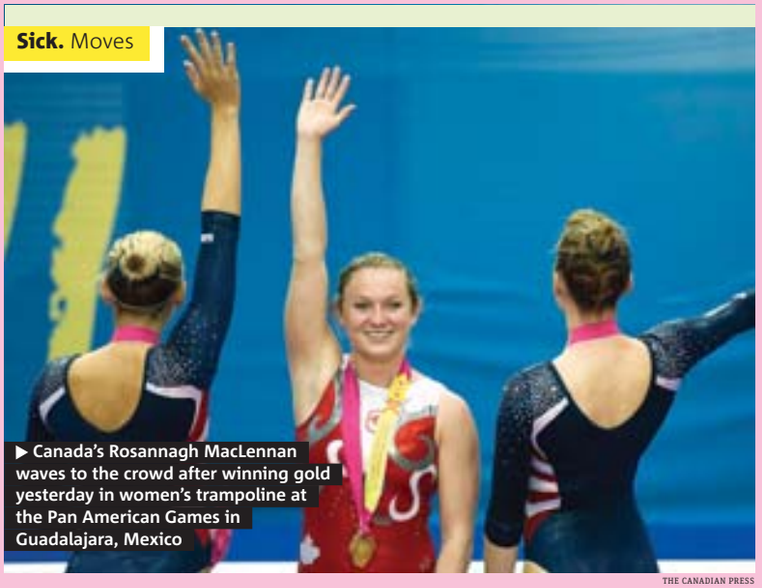

▶ Canada's Rosannagh MacLennan waves to the crowd after winning gold yesterday in women's trampoline at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico

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GTA's MacLennan wins Pan Am gold

When a nasty bug took out half of Canada's trampoline team yesterday, Rosannagh MacLennan and Keegan Soehn made sure to make up for their absence. The 23-year-old MacLennan, from King City, claimed gold in the women's event at the Pan American Games, after three-time Olympic medallist and defending champion Karen Cockburn withdrew. Soehn, from Red Deer, Alta., claimed the men's gold in a final that was missing teammate Charles Thibault, withdrawn with what team officials believed was the same bug that sidelined Cockburn.

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Franson's unrest a sign of Leafs' progress

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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The Maple Leafs suffered their first loss of the season Monday at the hands of the upstart Colorado Avalanche, but the sentiment around the team has rarely been more positive. And one of the so-called "controversies" that loitered around the franchise last week was a perfect example why.

Defenceman Cody Franson was held up as one of Toronto's best off-season acquisitions when the team acquired him and centre Matthew Lombardi from Nashville in July. But as the season began, Lombardi — whose $3.5 million salary was an albatross for the cash-conscious Predators — was in the lineup and Franson was a healthy scratch, his job having been stolen by rookie Jake Gardiner.

That's exactly the opposite of what the deal was supposed to accomplish.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Cody Franson

But it showed the Leafs' depth on the blue-line had improved by leaps and bounds from previous years — including not long ago, when a rookie named Luke Schenn played significant minutes as part of a paper-thin defence corps.

Now, coach Ron Wilson has real competition for spots and real consequences for players he deems aren't performing to their capabilities. Franson spoke out regarding his displeasure with the move, but with all respect to the young man, that's the proper reaction to losing your spot, and it is no reflection on the coaching staff that the 24-year-old isn't in the lineup.

Same goes with Toronto's forward group. Centre Tim Connolly, the Leafs' premier free-agent signing this summer, has yet to play a game because of injury. But when he returns, he'll find an extremely crowded situation at centre: Mikhail Grabovski, Tyler Bozak, David Steckel, Pascal Dupuis and Lombardi all have contributed to the team's early season success, meaning one of the group is bound to be disgruntled at a dip in playing time.

In the short term, that will make for fun headlines and sports talk radio fodder as people debate who should be kept and who should be jettisoned in trades to address other Leaf needs. But those focused on the bigger picture — and that includes Toronto management — take comfort in the increased depth of the organization's talent base. That is what has been missing with this franchise for many years and what ultimately will propel it to better days.

Not sweating the small stuff is important at this point in Leafs history. Remember that next time you see someone squawk about his personal predicament.

CANCER AWARENESS

CFLers get green-light to wear pink

Kevin Huntley can finally pay tribute to his grandmother.

The Toronto Argonauts defensive lineman and other CFL players will be allowed to wear pink-coloured items during games this weekend to help raise awareness for women's cancers. Huntley created a stir last year when he wanted to don pink apparel for a contest that was being broadcast in the U.S. in honour of his grandmother, an 87-year-old cancer survivor, but couldn't because it violated the CFL's uniform policy.

"I didn't want to create a problem, I just wanted people to know I was dealing with something personally that meant a lot to me."

ARGO KEVIN HUNTLEY ON NOT BEING ALLOWED TO WEAR PINK IN HONOUR OF HIS GRANDMOTHER LAST YEAR

"That was a way I could show my grandmother how much I appreciate her and how proud I am that she dealt with something always with a smile on her face and always in stride and never once complained," Huntley said yesterday.

Reebok will provide CFL players with pink gloves, wrist bands, helmet decals and other items. On-field officials will use pink whistles while coaches and team personnel will wear pink-coloured sideline gear.

Pink merchandise will be available for sale to fans at the four games as well as selected Reebok stores. A portion of the proceeds will go to cancer-related charities.

A few Argos wore pink gloves and another donned pink shoes at yesterday's practice.

Wearing pink is nothing new for NFL players, who have been doing so since 2009 to promote breast cancer awareness. Officials and coaches have also got involved while the end zones of fields have also been decked out in pink. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	5	5	0	0	0	18	11	10	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	W5
d-Philadelphia	5	4	0	1	0	21	10	9	1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	W1
d-Buffalo	5	4	1	0	0	17	10	8	1-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	W2
Pittsburgh	7	3	2	1	1	19	18	8	1-1-1-0	2-1-0-1	3-2-1-1	L3
Toronto	4	3	0	1	0	13	10	7	3-0-1-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	L1
Carolina	6	3	2	1	0	17	19	7	1-1-0-0	2-1-1-0	3-2-1-0	W3
NY Islanders	4	3	1	0	0	11	6	6	3-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	W3
New Jersey	4	3	1	0	0	9	8	6	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	W3
Florida	5	3	2	0	0	14	13	6	1-0-0-0	2-2-0-0	3-2-0-0	L1
Boston	6	2	4	0	0	11	13	4	1-3-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	6	1	3	0	2	18	26	4	0-1-0-0	1-2-0-2	1-3-0-2	L5
Montreal	5	1	3	0	1	12	16	3	0-2-0-1	1-1-0-0	1-3-0-1	L3
NY Rangers	3	0	1	1	1	5	8	2	0-0-0-0	0-1-1-1	0-1-1-1	L3
Winnipeg	4	1	3	0	0	7	14	2	1-1-0-0	0-2-0-0	1-3-0-0	W1
Ottawa	6	1	5	0	0	16	30	2	1-2-0-0	0-3-0-0	1-5-0-0	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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d-Dallas	6	5	1	0	0	16	13	10	4-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	5-1-0-0	W4
d-Detroit	4	4	0	0	0	13	5	8	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	W4
Anaheim	5	4	1	0	0	11	9	8	3-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	W4
Minnesota	5	2	1	1	1	12	12	6	2-0-1-0	0-1-0-1	2-1-1-1	L1
Phoenix	4	2	1	0	1	13	11	5	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-1	2-1-0-1	W2
Chicago	4	2	1	0	1	12	10	5	2-0-0-1	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-1	L1
Edmonton	4	2	1	0	1	9	8	5	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-1	2-1-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	4	2	1	0	1	9	10	5	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-1	2-1-0-1	W1
Vancouver	5	2	2	0	1	15	15	5	0-0-0-1	2-2-0-0	2-2-0-1	W1
Nashville	5	2	2	0	1	12	15	5	0-1-0-1	2-1-0-0	2-2-0-1	L3
St. Louis	5	2	3	0	0	15	15	4	1-1-0-0	1-2-0-0	2-3-0-0	L1
Calgary	4	1	3	0	0	11	14	2	0-1-0-0	1-2-0-0	1-3-0-0	L1
San Jose	4	1	3	0	0	10	11	2	1-2-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-3-0-0	L3
Columbus	6	0	5	0	1	12	20	1	0-3-0-1	0-2-0-0	0-5-0-1	L6

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Last night's results
Carolina 4 Boston 1
Pittsburgh 4 Minnesota 2
Dallas 3 Columbus 2
Washington 3 Florida 0
Buffalo 3 Montreal 1
Philadelphia 7 Ottawa 2
Edmonton at Calgary
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver
Chicago at Phoenix
St. Louis at Los Angeles
Monday's results
Colorado 3 Toronto 2 (OT)
Edmonton 3 Nashville 1
Winnipeg 2 Pittsburgh 1
Florida 7 Tampa Bay 4
Anaheim 3 San Jose 2
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	5	4	9
Tavares, NYI	5	3	8
M.Bergeron, TB	2	6	8
Legwand, Nash	2	6	8
Doan, Phx	3	4	7
Kopitar, LA	3	4	7
Vanek, Buf	3	4	7
Versteeg, Fla	3	4	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	2	5	7
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	5	7
Letang, Pgh	1	6	7
Parenteau, NYI	1	6	7
Campbell, Fla	0	7	7
Neal, Pgh	5	1	6
Adam, Buf	3	3	6
Weiss, Fla	3	3	6
P.Kane, Chi	2	4	6
Skinner, Car	2	4	6
Karlsson, Ott	0	6	6
D.Jones, Col	4	1	5
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	4	1	5
Giroux, Pha	3	2	5
Hejduk, Col	3	2	5
Michalek, Ott	3	2	5
Prospal, Clb	3	2	5
Steen, StL	3	2	5
Arnott, StL	2	3	5
Lupul, Tor	2	3	5
Nash, Clb	2	3	5
J.Staal, Pgh	2	3	5
J.Williams, LA	2	3	5
Backstrom, Wash	1	4	5
S.Kostitsyn, Nash	1	4	5
Pominville, Buf	1	4	5
Pronger, Pha	1	4	5
Seguin, Bos	1	4	5

Last night's games not included

SABRES 3, CANADIENS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (holding) 7:01, Gragnani Buf (tripping) 12:03, Roy Buf (hooking) 18:07.
Second Period
1. Montreal, Diaz 1 (Pacioretty, Kostitsyn) 2:08
2. Buffalo, Leopold 1 (Stafford, Roy) 12:11
3. Buffalo, Vanek 4 (Gragnani, Pominville) 19:57
Penalties — Ennis Buf (slashing) 5:04, McCormick Buf, Moen Mtl (fighting) 9:20.
Third Period
4. Buffalo, Ehrhoff 1 (Roy) 19:31 (en)
Penalties — Vanek Buf (cross-checking) 1:30, Vanek Buf (cross-checking) 9:07.
Shots on goal

Buffalo	3	12	8	—23
Montreal	14	16	11	—41

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (W,3-1-0); Montreal: Price (L,1-3-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-1; Montreal: 0-5.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

FLYERS 7, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Read 2 (Couturier, Carle) 6:20
2. Philadelphia, Simmonds 2 (Read, Giroux) 8:00 (pp)
3. Philadelphia, Giroux 4 (Jagr, Pronger) 16:20 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Talbot 1 (Read, Hartnell) 19:00
Penalties — Smith Ott (boarding) 6:47, Greening Ott (double high-sticking) 16:01, Rinaldo Pha, Konopka Ott (fighting) 19:38.
Second Period
5. Ottawa, Spezza 2 (Alfredsson, Karlsson) 18:59
Penalties — Walker Pha (double high-sticking, fighting), Neil Ott (fighting) 2:37, Alfredsson Ott (interference) 3:09, Carle Pha (hooking) 4:05 Meszaros Pha (holding) 10:32, Lee Ott (holding) 14:48
Third Period
6. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk (Timonen, Voracek) 15:25 (pp)
7. Philadelphia, Couturier 1 (Carle, Read) 16:01
8. Philadelphia, Zolnierczyk 1 (Talbot) 19:15
9. Ottawa, Karlsson 1 (Konopka, Smith) 19:40
Penalties — Walker Pha (high-sticking) 6:10, Da Costa Ott (hooking) 7:58, Rundblad Ott (delay of game) 14:25, Walker Pha, Konopka Ott (fighting) 19:52.
Shots on goal

Philadelphia	10	7	13	30
Ottawa	3	12	8	23

Goal (shots-saves) — **Phi:** Babrovsky: (W,1-0-0); **Ott:** Auld (L,0-3-0) (10-6), Anderson (start of second; 20-17). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — **Phi:** 3-6; **Ott:** 0-6.
Attendance — 18,059 (19,153) at Ottawa.

MLB PLAYOFFS

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7 series)
ST. LOUIS (N.L.) VS. TEXAS (A.L.)
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Texas (Wilson 16-7) at St. Louis (Carpenter 11-9), 8:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Texas (Lewis 14-10) at St. Louis (Garcia 13-7), 8:05 p.m.
Saturday's game
St. Louis (Jackson 12-9) at Texas (Holland 16-5), 8:05 p.m.
Sunday's game
St. Louis (Lohse 14-8) at Texas (Harrison 14-9), 8:05 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 24
x-St. Louis at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
x — if necessary.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	1	0	.833	185	135
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	188	147
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	145	131
Miami	0	5	0	.000	75	128
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	105	94
Houston	3	3	0	.500	141	124
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	72	132
Indianapolis	0	6	0	.000	104	163
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	148	71
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	137	111
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	119	102
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	91	117
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	120	109
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	160	150
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	77	150
Denver	1	4	0	.200	105	140

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	154	147
Washington	3	2	0	.600	96	83
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	115	121
Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	145	145
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	113	145
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	177	151
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	147
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	133	163
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	6	0	0	1.000	197	114
Detroit	5	1	0	.833	178	114
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	146	132
Minnesota	1	5	0	.167	121	145
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	5	1	0	.833	167	97
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	94	122
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	96	121
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	49	137

Monday's result
N.Y. Jets 24 Miami 6
WEEK SEVEN
All times Eastern
Sunday's games
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay at London, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Byes: Buffalo, Cincinnati, N.Y. Giants, New England, Philadelphia, San Francisco
Monday, Oct. 24
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	15	10	5	0	462	373	20
x-Winnipeg	15	9	6	0	360	350	18
x-Hamilton	15	7	8	0	420	416	14
Toronto	15	4	11	0	313	429	8
WEST DIVISION	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PF**	**PA**	**Pt**
x-B.C.	15	9	6	0	429	322	18
x-Edmonton	15	9	6	0	353	328	18
x-Calgary	15	8	7	0	424	412	16
Saskatchewan	15	4	11	0	294	431	8

x — clinched playoff berth.
WEEK 17
All times Eastern
Friday's games
Edmonton at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Montreal at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
B.C. at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Kansas City	33	12	9	12	49	40	48
x-Philadelphia	33	11	7	15	44	35	48
Columbus	33	13	12	8	41	41	47
Houston	33	11	9	13	42	40	46
New York	33	9	8	16	49	44	43
Chicago	33	8	9	16	43	43	40
D.C. United	32	9	12	11	48	50	38
Toronto	33	6	13	14	34	57	32
New England	33	5	16	12	36	56	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
y-Los Angeles	33	19	4	10	47	25	67
x-Seattle	33	17	7	9	53	36	60
x-Real Salt Lake	33	15	11	7	43	35	52
x-Dallas	33	15	11	7	40	35	52
x-Colorado	33	11	9	13	42	40	46
Portland	32	11	13	8	38	46	40
Chivas USA	33	8	13	12	40	40	36
San Jose	33	7	12	14	36	43	35
Vancouver	33	6	17	10	34	53	28

x — Clinched playoff berth.
y — Clinched conference.
Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Portland at D.C. United, 8 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at New York, 8 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
Yesterday's results
Group A
Manchester City (Eng.) 2 Villarreal (Spain) 1
Napoli (Italy) 1 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1
Group B
CSKA Moscow (Rus.) 3 Trabzonspor (Turkey) 0
Lille (France) 0 Inter Milan (Italy) 1
Group C
FC Basel (Switzerland) 0 Benfica (Portugal) 2
Otelul Galati (Romania) 0 Manchester United (England) 2
Group D
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 0 Ajax (Neth.) 2
Real Madrid (Spain) 4 Lyon (France) 0

TENNIS

ATP

IF STOCKHOLM OPEN

At Stockholm
Singles — First Round
Milos Raonic (6), Thornhill, Ont., def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Kevin Anderson (5), South Africa, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (4).
Ivan Dodig (7), Croatia, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Tommy Robredo (8), Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
James Blake, U.S., def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
David Nalbandian, Argentina, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3).

WTA

BNP PARIBAS LUXEMBOURG OPEN

At Luxembourg
Singles — First Round
Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Julia Goerges (6), Germany, def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 7-5, 6-1.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Daniela Hantuchova (8), Slovakia, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-1.
Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 6-1, 6-4.
Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Karin Knapp, Switzerland, 6-7 (2), 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

ATP-WTA

KREMLIN CUP

At Moscow
Men's Singles — First Round
Alex Bogomolov, Jr. (5), U.S., def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Dmitry Tursunov (6), Russia, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Gilles Muller (7), Luxembourg, def. Konstantin Kravchuk, Russia, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3.
Michael Berrer, Germany, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2).
Men's Doubles — First Round
Treat Conrad Huey, Philip., & **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.,** def. Victor Baluda and Andrey Kuznetsov, Rus., 5-7, 7-6 (3), 10-5 (tiebreak).
Women's Singles — First Round
Ekaterina Ivanova, Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (5), Serbia, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (6), Russia, vs. Alize Cornet, France, 6-3, 6-3.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-1 (retired).
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-4.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-3.

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▶ The Nissan Leaf is set to arrive in Canada this fall.

Leaf is no fancy golf cart

In fact, Nissan's electric offering is quite the car

Let's get one thing straight: the Nissan Leaf electric car is a fine piece of engineering.

It achieves the objectives its planners set out for it, and functions very well as an automobile.

Canadian customers can go online and reserve their Leaf now, starting at $38,395, with first deliveries scheduled for later this fall.

The larger question is: does the Leaf — does any pure electric car — make any sense?

Or is the entire Leaf program a multi-billion dollar public relations exercise instituted by Nissan to counter the fact that arch-rival Toyota has captured the high ground on hybrids, whose practicality is at least as equally dubious?

The Leaf is built on what Nissan calls a dedicated platform, shared with other electric cars from the Nissan-Renault Alliance, although I'll bet you'd find similarities in some chassis and suspension components to other front-wheel drive Nissan compacts.

Leaf is officially classified as a mid-size car, having total interior space roughly equivalent to Nissan's Altima. It seats four comfortably, five in somewhat of a pinch.

Power to the AC synchronous electric motor comes from a Lithium-Ion battery pack consisting of 48 four-cell modules nestled under the floor where it takes little space away from passengers and cargo.

Only when the 60/40 split rear seatbacks are folded does the high bulkhead between rear seat and trunk become obtrusive, preventing the loading of bulky objects.

Electric motors generate their maximum torque at zero r.p.m., which means the 107 horsepower 207 lb.-ft. unit launches the 1,525 kg Leaf away from rest at a satisfying rate.

Nissan won't quote a 0-100 km/h number, but various Internet sources suggest mid-seven seconds, which is very good.

There is no transmission as such in the Leaf; the motor winds up until it runs out of revs at around 140 km/h.

Reverse simply runs the motor backwards.

If you choose the ECO mode, acceleration is considerably more leisurely; the payoff is longer range.

Nissan says Leaf is good for about 160 kilometres of normal driving. Lights, wipers, A/C, etc., will affect this; hard acceleration and high speeds dramatically so.

A multi-screen display gives you the distances possible in either normal or ECO mode. It even draws concentric circles on the standard SatNav map to give you a clear indication of where you are and where you can get to.

If you do have to call the Roadside Assistance number to get flat-bedded home, you can't say you weren't warned.

Electric motors are a lot quieter than internal combustion engines. The obvious advantage is a quiet ride; the loudest thing you'll hear apart from the sound system is the engine cooling fans up front.

Driving the Leaf is simplicity itself. Punch the On button, and when you get the green Ready light on the instrument panel, pull the shift lever left and back, hit the gas, and off you go.

The car is indeed quiet, and rides and handles well, partly due to the 50-50 weight distribution.

A substantial portion of Leaf's braking effect is achieved by electric resistance as opposed to friction — the regenerative brakes convert kinetic energy back into electricity to recharge the battery.

These are standard fare in electrics and hybrids; the trick usually is massaging brake feel as the system transitions from "regen" to friction and back again. Leaf does this as well — probably better — than any other such system I have tried.

As I said at the start, the Leaf functions very well as a car. It fulfills Nissan's promise that it drives like a real car, not a fancy golf cart. It also is very relaxing to drive.

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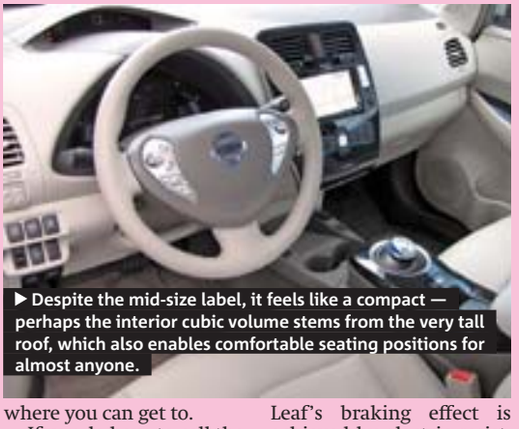
Nissan Leaf facts

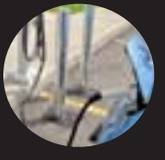
- **Motor:** 80 KW AC Synchronous electric motor.
- **Power/Torque:** 107 hp/207 lbs.-ft.
- **Competition:** Chevrolet Volt, Mitsubishi i-MiEV.
- **What's Best:** Quick acceleration; quiet inside and out; relaxing to drive; feels like a 'real' car, not a glorified golf cart.
- **What's Worst:** Range still not large enough to be practical, at least not as an 'only' car; message centre and Owners Manual together weren't sufficient to diagnose a no-start condition.



▶ Despite the mid-size label, it feels like a compact — perhaps the interior cubic volume stems from the very tall roof, which also enables comfortable seating positions for almost anyone.

5 drive

Charging the Leaf



The battery pack can be charged one of three ways:

- A so-called "Level 3 DC Fast" installation can get it to 80 per cent charge in about 30 minutes. Problem: there are no Level 3 stations in Canada available to Leaf drivers at the moment, and only 20 in all of the United States.
- The Level 2 system involves fitting a 240 volt charging station into your garage at a cost of around $3,000. This will fill 'er up in about seven hours — essentially, overnight.
- Finally, a trickle charge from a standard 110 volt outlet will take about 18 hours.

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Not so fast or furious

Driving a Sprint Cup car an eye-opening experience — even under 100 m.p.h.

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▶ Associated Press writer John Marshall got to drive in a Sprint Cup car for an eight-lap run on a new track in Arizona.

Peering through a windshield no bigger than a crawl space while pinned into what feels like a baby seat, the world appears to flash by from behind the wheel of a Sprint Cup car.

Viewed trackside, it looks more like rush-hour traffic putzing along a highway.

Then you realize you were the slowest of your group and that it was probably closer to the speed of a horse-drawn carriage than Jimmie Johnson.

Sadly, that's what happened during a recent eight-lap run with the Richard Petty Driving Experience at Phoenix International Raceway.

Given a chance to test out the new surface at PIR's 1-mile oval, I failed.

Miserably.

I've topped 115 miles per hour on the open highway, plowed through blizzards with one-foot drifts, whipped through roundabouts in Paris with ease.

Get behind the wheel of Sprint Cup car, one of the most powerful cars in the world, one that some might give up an organ for a chance to drive, and I putter around like one of those brake-heavy snowbirds who travel down from the north to fill Arizona's roads every winter.

The biggest reason: driving one of these beasts is disorienting.

It may look easy watching Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. race around in circles on TV, but nothing about being behind the wheel of a Sprint Cup car is comfortable.

It starts with the fire suit.

Besides making you look drop-dead sexy, they're uncomfortable, sweat lodge hot and not exactly form fitting. Maybe I got one that was too small, but I felt like someone had hiked me up from behind and was carrying me around by the seat of my pants.

After that, you put on a moon-sized helmet that tests your neck strength, then get strapped into the HANS device, which gives you sort of a Star Wars look, not to mention making it hard to turn your head. The full-body turn to look at someone becomes a must.

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Writer John Marshall's top speed, in miles per hour, on the track.

Any racing fan knows that the doors don't open on Sprint Cup cars, but they may not know that climbing through that window with a giant bulb on your head feels like that time you locked your keys in the house and got stuck in the dog door.

The driver's compartment looks as if someone randomly welded a bunch of metal together and has the claustrophobic feel of a being shoved into a foot locker. It feels even tighter when they attach the steering wheel, which, in itself, takes a little getting used to — as in, is that thing going to stay attached?

The windshield is smaller than you'd expect and the rearview mirror is distorted, like something you'd imagine Benjamin Franklin used while shaving.

The waiver form didn't help, either. Filled with legalese and about 50 places to initial and sign, it's much easier to just scribble your signature quickly across the pages without reading the fine print.

You're driving a race car, so pretty much figure it says "You may get maimed or killed and we're not responsible."

Once you get going, the concentration level gets ratcheted up exponentially.

There's no fiddling with the radio or texting while driving one of these. From the moment you hear the roar of the engine and feel that 600-horsepower machine vibrating underneath you, you're locked in, the rest of the outside world blacked out.

As they said in the safety and instruction meeting before the session, the key to driving in the Richard Petty Driving Experience is all about three things: distance — three car lengths — driving line and speed.

For me, it was fail, fail, fail.

The lead cars have a green light on the right telling you when to speed up and a yellow on the left when you get too close.

My problem was getting past the feeling that the car was going to slide off the track.

Overall, driving a Sprint Cup car is certainly an eye-opening experience, one that provides a greater appreciation for what the big boys do with those monster machines.

OK, so this is coming from the perspective of someone who drives a boxy SUV, but I can at least say it's nothing like driving on the freeway.

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▶ NASCAR star Jimmy Johnson pulls onto pit row prior to taking a few test laps at Phoenix International Raceway this month.

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CHEVY TURNS 100, UNVEILS ITS FASTEST EVER CONVERTIBLE

AUTO PILOT

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Chevrolet turned 100 years old in 2011. If it were a human being, it would be plum worn out, and wearing its pants too high.

But it's an automaker, so turning 100 is just a milestone to ponder. And ponder we did, when Chevrolet recently invited us to a Detroit media event designed to showcase the brand's history and future.

Of course the brand's history is rooted in American soil. The first Chevrolet was built in 1911 in a rented garage near downtown Detroit. No one objected back in the 1970s, when GM ran a patriotic marketing campaign, with a jingle that sang about "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet."

The brand's future, however, will be written in places like China, Brazil, Korea, India, Russia, and Uzbekistan. I am not even sure where Uzbekistan is, but they recently started to buy a lot of Chevys. Only four other countries in the world buy more Chevrolets than Uzbekistan — United States, Brazil, China, and Canada.

Like all car companies, General Motors knows that future sales growth will be easier to come by in the emerging markets, where people are suddenly able to afford new vehicles, and want them in the worst way. This is contrast to the U.S. and Europe, mature markets where consumers are already fully "vehicled."

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▶ The 2013 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 convertible will be the brand's fastest-ever ragtop, thanks to a 6.2-litre, supercharged V-8, capable of 580 hp and 556 lb-ft of torque.

Following its much publicized restructuring, GM shrunk to four brands: Cadillac, GMC, Buick, and Chevrolet. Of those, it decreed that Cadillac and Chevrolet would be the "global" brands. As such, Chevrolet, with its more broad-based appeal than Cadillac, will do the lion's share of GM's global agenda. But up until about 2005, every region of the world built and designed their own Chevys. For example, prior to the Cruze, Chevrolet had three different Chevrolets around the world with Cruze-like dimensions. Now there is just one, the Cruze. GM reckons it's better to have one great vehicle, than three average ones.

Another recent move to further global growth, is giving Chevrolet a uniform, clear and identifiable look, wherever it is sold around the world. In this way, Chevrolet vehicles will be more interchangeable between markets. A perfect example is the Chevrolet Orlando; it was conceived by GM's Korean division for Far East consumption, but GM Canada thought it would be a great fit for Canada, and now it's here.

Always a great fit for Canada is any car with 580 horsepower, like the Camaro LZ1.

The convertible version of the LZ1 will debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show next month, but GM allowed scribes attending the Centennial to view the new ragtop where it was created — right in the kitchen of GM Design, the coolest part of the sprawling GM Technical Center in Warren, Michigan.

It seems to wear its tight pants just right — proving that Chevrolet is entirely capable of its new dual mission; keeping traditional flames burning, and exploring new markets.

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Older drivers helping design newer cars

Ford considers the needs of aging drivers when designing its fleet

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

▶ A woman dons a restrictive "third-age suit," which is used by Ford to better understand the limitations that some older drivers and passengers may have.

DRIVING FORCE

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None of us are getting any younger, but we're still buying cars. Older drivers may have different needs than younger ones, though, which is why many auto companies are taking aging drivers into account when they design their vehicles.

"The baby boomers have always been an important segment, not only because of their numbers but also because of their affluence," says Sheryl Connelly, global consumer trends and futuring manager for Ford Motor Company. "For them, the car has always been an iconic symbol of status.

"The baby boomers are aging, but they're aging in a way that is also unprecedented. They're not like their grandparents. They're really an active segment, but there are some changes happening that come with aging such as reduced response time, impaired vision and limited range of motion.

"Our designers and engineers think about how we anticipate the needs of a rapidly aging population and what we can do to design the car so these changes don't affect the utility and the joy of car ownership."

"We aim for universal design. Whether you're 30 or 60, you can appreciate the (features), but those did come out in part due to the changing boomer population."
SHERYL CONNELLY, FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Among the design and engineering tools is a "third-age suit," a strap-on suit that restricts the user's motions and mimics the limitations that older drivers and passengers may experience. Through experience with the suit, designers may lower the vehicle "lip" so occupants don't have to lift their legs as high to get in and out, lower the trunk liftover so cargo can be loaded easily, or add grab handles on the pillars that can assist with entry.

Technology features that can aid drivers include rearview cameras, blind spot monitoring systems, and on some Ford vehicles, a self-parking feature that enables the vehicle to turn its wheels to easily get into a parallel parking spot. Font sizes for controls and screens are larger, and in some vehicles the instrument cluster can be customized, with more or less information available as the driver prefers.

"Another thing we think about for baby boomers is that they're downsizing," Connelly says.

Many people are moving into smaller houses but still want them to be luxurious, a trend they carry over into their cars.

Boomers may be moving out of SUVs and into a more compact crossover or smaller car segment, but they want it very well-appointed, unlike in the past when small cars were "starter" vehicles for young drivers and were generally very basic.

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WINTER TIRES: ESSENTIAL FOR SEASONAL SAFETY

THE WHEEL DEAL

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As much as we may detest the onset of the colder months in Ontario, it is inevitable that once the trees are bare and autumn has run its course, the winter season will rear its ugly head.

Preparing your vehicle for winter may not have even crossed your mind yet, but it should. One of the most important things you can do to improve the performance and safety of your vehicle this season is to install a set of winter tires.

While it is generally common knowledge that winter tires are essential in a climate like ours, many drivers forego them due to expense, lack of storage space, or are perhaps uneducated of the benefits they provide.

Christopher Chin is the manager of marketing and special projects for Atlas Tire Wholesale Inc., a dedicated wholesale tire distributor that has been in business for 22 years. He clarifies that the importance of winter tires lies in temperature not snow.

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▶ The important number to keep in mind about tires is 7C — when the temperature drops below this, summer and all-season tires lose efficiency.

"When the temperature drops below 7C the rubber compound in summer and all-season tires begin to harden and behave very much like a hockey puck does on ice."

Braking and handling are dramatically improved because the softer rubber compound in winter tires allows them to provide grip at colder temperatures.

Tires marked with a mountain snowflake symbol represent that they meet or exceed the snow traction requirements of the industry. Chin advises that the tires you choose should be based upon the winter conditions you encounter most, such as deep snow or icy roads.

So how much money should you invest in a set of winter tires, and does a higher price mean better quality? Chin suggests that while a more expensive winter tire generally implies that more research and development went into the production of the tire than the less expensive one, even using a lower priced winter tire is better than not using one at all.

If you are worried about things like cost or where to keep them when they aren't on your vehicle, you need not be. You will essentially double the lifespan of your other tires and many dealers will actually change and store rims and tires for a reasonable fee. Your biggest concern should be the safety of yourself and the other occupants of your vehicle. As Chin says, "Remember that the tires are the only part of a vehicle that actually touches the ground."

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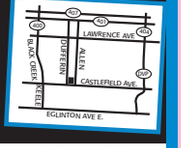

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Subaru has recently moved their popular Legacy sport sedan into its fifth generation for the 2010 model year — meaning the fourth-generation car has now transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

For its last generation, Legacy was available in both sedan and wagon body styles.

Numerous special models were available, and feature content included heated leather seats, automatic climate control, a sunroof, remote access and more.

All-wheel drive was standard on all models.

2005 to 2009 Subaru Legacy

Engine

Available were a 2.5-litre four-cyinder boxer engine with 170 horsepower, a turbocharged version thereof making up to 250 horsepower, and a three-litre flat six.

What owners like

Legacy owners typically rate fuel mileage, handling and dynamics, responsiveness and interior build quality the most highly. All weather confidence thanks to the standard AWD system is also typically raved about, too.

What owners dislike

Legacy owners typically wish for more interior room, a more spacious rear seat, and more performance from the standard engine. Some owners report heavy fuel consumption from the turbocharged engine, too.

Common issues

Look for rust on the used Legacy's trunk lid, and especially the trunk lip. You'll have to open the trunk to see any rust forming here. Have a look under the vehicle for signs of rust or leaky differentials, as well as leaky engine or transmission seals. A squealing or scraping noise from the front of the engine while idling could be caused by a belt-tensioner pulley that's starting to fail.

Verdict

Typically, Subaru drivetrains and powerplants are known to be very solid and reliable if properly maintained. If everything checks out, a well-maintained last-generation Legacy should prove an enjoyable and confidence-inspiring ride for years to come.

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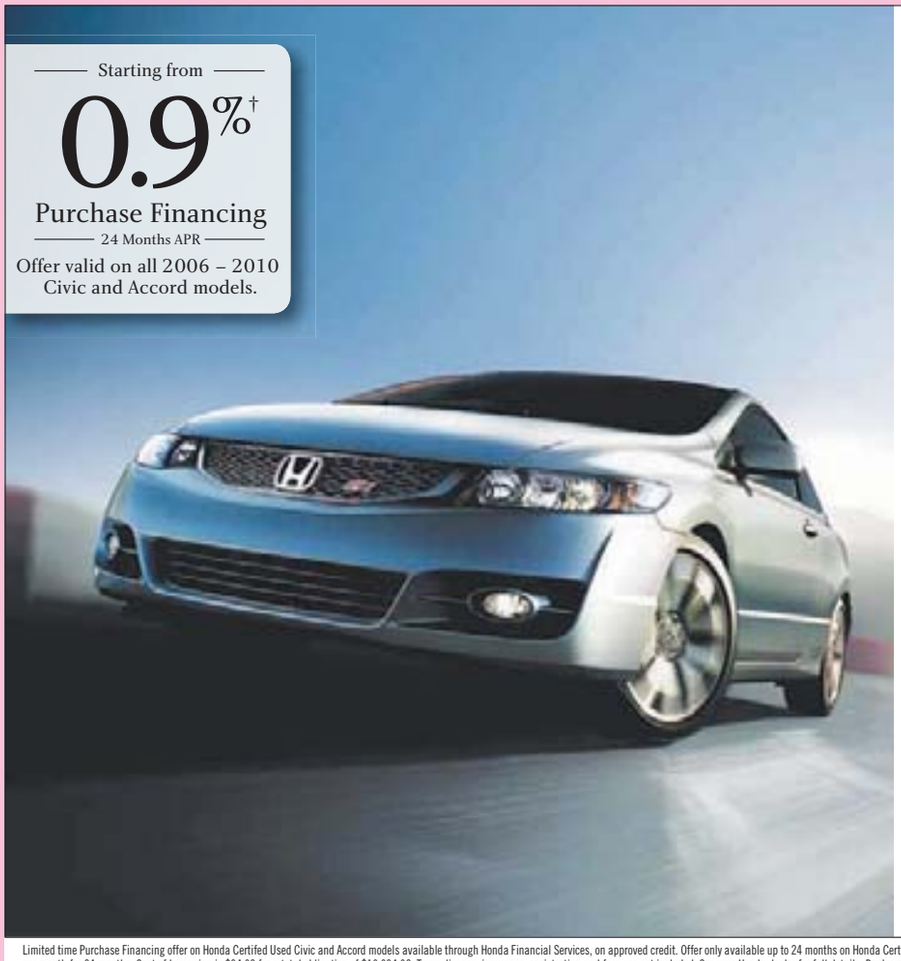

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New and improved is such an overworked, hackneyed phrase that many automakers abuse at will.

However when it comes to the 2012 GT-R super coupe that's now on sale, there really are no other words to describe what Nissan has instituted. The changes are practical, evolutionary and have been undertaken simply to improve the car's performance characteristics and not just to undertake change for change's sake.

The original GT-R (nicknamed Godzilla by its loyal fans) that Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn first unveiled at the 2007 Los Angeles, Calif., Auto Show was outrageous beyond words. How dare his company try to take on the world's most powerful and exalted sports cars and claim absolute superiority. But dare it did, and the result was a vehicle that could keep up — and often surpass — Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini, and did so for a relative pittance.

In some quarters the purists still scoff at Nissan's affront to tradition and good order.

Meanwhile, GT-R owners with less deeper pockets, but perhaps possessing more common sense, drive secure in the knowledge that their steeds can outperform nearly any other of a select field of hyper-machines.

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Nissan claims the GT-R will now reach 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from a dead stop in a startling 2.9 seconds.

Upon first inspection there appears little to differentiate the 2012 edition from the previous effort.

In fact though, the GT-R sports a redesigned nose with larger grille openings, reshaped front and rear spoilers, a new hood with aerodynamic "fins" and brighter Light Emitting Diode (LED) running lights. The result is a bit more downforce for added stability along with less wind resistance that, among other things, helps to improve fuel economy, which is now rated at 13.0 l/100 km in the city and 9.3 on the highway (previously 13.9/9.5).

More to-the-point updates can be found beneath the sheetmetal, including minor suspension tweaks, improved Brembo-brand brakes with larger front rotors and a new carbon fibre brace in the engine compartment.

What really puts some weight behind the GT-R's new-and-improved claim are the upgrades to the twin-turbocharged 3.8-litre V-6. By adjusting (as in increasing) the boost pressure on the turbos, adjusting the valve timing and air/fuel mixture and enlarging the air intake and exhaust pipes, output moves up to 530 horsepower and 448 pound-feet of torque, versus 485 horsepower and 434 pound-feet of torque.

Joining the 500-horse club is an important benchmark for the GT-R since most respectable high-performance sports cars have reached or exceeded that lofty plateau.

Despite numerous price increases over the years, the updates and performance hike should make the 2012 GT-R a top wish-list item while adding lustre to its growing cachet.

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What you should know:

- **Type:** Two-door, all-wheel-drive sport coupe.
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- **Transmission:** Six-speed sequential automated manual.
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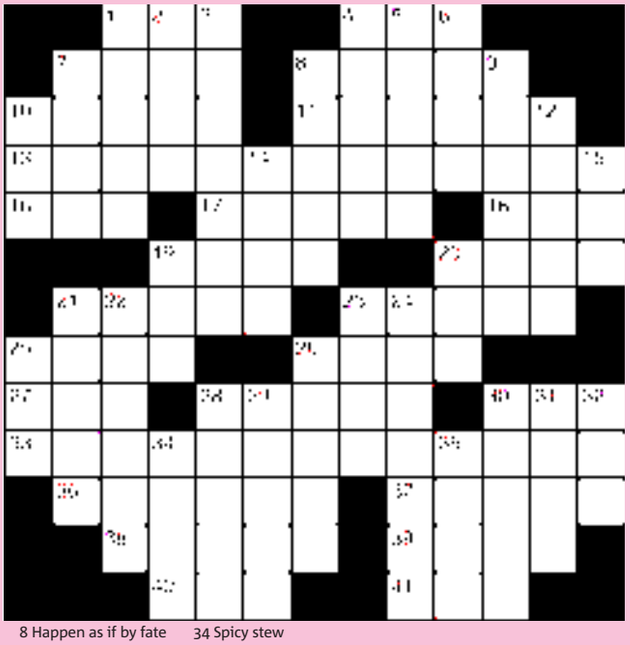


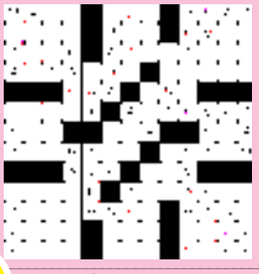
Across

1 Creche trio
5 Antiquated
8 Pulsate
12 Right angles
13 Kids' pie filling?
14 Eastern potentate
15 Go sightseeing
16 Pose
18 Embassy employee
20 Actress Spacek
21 Historic period
22 Conclusion
23 Without pizzazz
26 Try
30 Born
31 Playwright Levin
32 — constrictor
33 Lure
36 Choir rendition
38 "Hail!"
39 Total
40 Ecru
43 "Way to go!"
47 Lawyer
49 Anger
50 Humdinger
51 Web address
52 Up to
53 Scottish garment
54 Sock part
55 "That's one small — ..."

Down

1 Transcending (Pref.)
2 Oodles
3 Excessive supply
4 Where Tel Aviv is
5 Nebraska city
6 Minstrel's instrument
7 Banned pesticide
8 Happen as if by fate
9 Flightless flock
10 Lends a hand
11 Deuce defeater
17 "— It Romantic?"
19 Weep
22 Greek H
23 "CSI" evidence
24 Pensioned (Abbr.)
25 Nevertheless
26 Illustrations
27 Degree for a CEO
28 D.C. figure
29 53-Across wearer's hat
31 Lemieux milieu
34 Spicy stew
35 Maintain
36 Deposit
37 Intellect
39 Fashion
40 Abruptly refuse
41 Needle case
42 "— be OK"
43 Re planes and such
44 Fisherman's enticement
45 Look lasciviously
46 Shrill bark
48 Eccentric

▶ Yesterday's answer



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Sudoku

			1	4				9
7						3	8	5
		3					4	
			3	1				2
	3		8		4		9	
1				2	6			
	9					7		
8	1	4						6
5				9	2			

How to play

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You must be honest about what you can do today, even if it means you have to disappoint someone.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You need to patch things up with someone you have been having an on-off argument with for weeks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It's as if you're walking around with a force field that repels negative vibrations. Let positive people in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may not be a typical tough guy, but you know how to get things done while others are panicking. Do it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your powers of imagination are high at the moment, as is your sensitivity to other people's needs.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You'll charm your way out of a tough spot but it won't solve the issue that got you there in the first place.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you go out of your way to help someone in need today, he or she will do you a good deed in return.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You seem a lot more laid back these days. Venus moves through your birth sign, offering perspective.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will have to choose between making your own life more enjoyable or helping someone.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will see the good in every person you meet today, and it will make your world better place.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll be in demand so much today that you'll need to turn down more invitations than you accept.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you are involved in anything of a creative nature, it is sure to go well. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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